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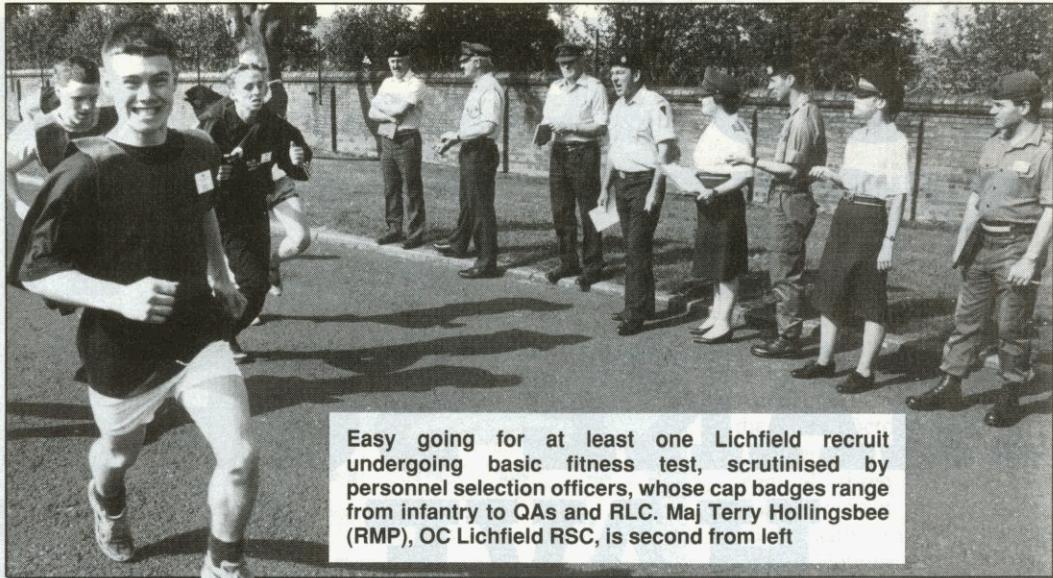
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Easy going for at least one Lichfield recruit undergoing basic fitness test, scrutinised by personnel selection officers, whose cap badges range from infantry to QAs and RLC. Maj Terry Hollingsbee (RMP), OC Lichfield RSC, is second from left

# Single entry gets off to running start

FROM THE beginning of this month, Army recruitment and training has taken on a new appearance, writes **Phil Wilcox**.

The advent of single entry (SE) on September 1 – which effectively does away with the traditional two-tier system in which 16-year-old junior leaders and junior soldiers were trained separately from more mature recruits – follows hard on the heels of the opening of a “pathfinder” recruitment selection centre (RSC) at Lichfield, Staffordshire a month earlier.

All new soldier entrants to the Army, with the exception of apprentices, will in future undergo their initial training with their respective Army Training Regiment (ATR).

Management of the selection for single entry will be through the RSCs, who will ensure that those enlisted are sufficiently mature to undertake training successfully.

Additionally, the centres will confirm that recruits will be old enough subsequently to be employed effectively in their chosen Arm or Service.

SE project officer, Brig Richard Mountford, commented: “The success of single entry is heavily reliant upon a mechanism which both selects suitable candidates for the Army and identifies those in the younger bracket with sufficient mental and physical maturity to complete phase one and two recruit training.”

For the selection and management of “a diverse group of young men and women” – and their dovetailing into phase one followed by phase two training – to be successful, he added, the re-introduction of the centres was essential.

Until 1989, there had been a single Army Personnel Selection Centre, based at Sutton Coldfield in the Midlands.

Now, together with the Lichfield RSC and a small

centre opened recently at Ballymena for Northern Ireland recruits only, two more are to be established in January.

These will be based at Glenkoran and Pirbright, and will take their quota of the 1994/95 intake.

“Single entry will mean enormous savings in manpower and money,” Brig Mountford told **SOLDIER**. “In order to make better use of manpower, for example, we have abolished the old junior leader entry scheme and brought them all into single entry.”

Chief benefits of SE, he said, were that recruits would be able to get into training at an earlier stage, join their units much sooner and be in an adult’s environment a lot earlier.

“But, by using the RSC principle, the idea is to ensure that we will not bring in those who are not yet mature enough into arduous and demanding training.”

Current changes in Government education policy suggested that, with effect from the 1994/95 education year, instead of school-leavers leaving when they were 16, they would leave at the end of the academic year during which

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**FRONT COVER:** Rgr Darren Simpson (rear), Bugle Major Davy Young and Rgr David Paisley celebrated Waterloo Day in Cyprus with the 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment before it amalgamated with the second battalion. Story and more pictures of the old 1 R Irish, Pages 24-25. (Picture: Terry Champion.)

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# Sniper Alley heroine wins UN award

LCPL Caroline Cove AGC has received a United Nations Commendation for rescuing two injured civilians trapped when their car was crushed by a Serbian tank in "Sniper Alley" on the outskirts of Sarajevo.

LCpl Cove, attached to the UN High Commission for Refugees from 5 Ordnance Battalion, was on her way with a UNHCR representative to meet an aid convoy when she saw the tank and car collide.

Both occupants of the vehicle were trapped, one seriously injured, and the Serbians in the tank were extremely nervous because of the vulnerability of the area to attack by Bosnian forces.

LCpl Cove instantly took charge of the situation, and, after the first man had been released, climbed into the wreckage to help the seriously injured passenger. She ordered the Serb soldiers to lift part of the car to free him, then dragged him out through the rear window, administered first aid and summoned an ambulance.

Throughout the five months LCpl Cove (26) spent in Sarajevo she regularly came under fire. She was the only British female soldier in the besieged city.

Following the award of the commendation, she received a personal letter of thanks from Gen Philippe Morillon, French Commander of UN forces in the former Yugoslavia.

LCpl Cove's duties in Sarajevo involved improving the system for forward distribution of humanitarian aid. She regularly took part in negotiations at checkpoints when aid convoys were approaching the city.

She is currently serving as a watchkeeper in the Joint Services Explosive Ordnance Disposal Operations Centre, 11 EOD Regiment RLC at Didcot.



LCpl Caroline Cove with her UN Commendation

# Sapper Redoubt hit by Croat fire

AN EXCHANGE of fire between Croatian soldiers and British troops at Camp Redoubt in central Bosnia left one Croatian dead and two wounded.

The incident happened when the camp, home of 1 Field Squadron, 21 Engineer Regiment, came under fire from two HVO military trucks driving south past the sappers' base on Route Triangle, in the mountains midway between Tomislavgrad and Vitez.

Sentries returned fire in self-defence after Croat soldiers had fired a number of high-velocity rounds at the camp as their trucks drove past.

Eight of the Croat rounds struck the accommodation building, narrowly missing soldiers inside.

The trucks continued to Tomislavgrad, where it was later learned that three casualties, one of whom was dead, had been taken to the civilian hospital.

The facts surrounding the shooting, set out in an initial report prepared by British forces, were agreed by the HVO commander.

British sappers have been working flat out to upgrade the Main Supply Route (MSR) to the north in time for the winter.

# Minurso monitors to return

BRITAIN's Operation Minurso contingent of cease-fire line monitors in the Western Sahara is to be withdrawn by the end of October.

Fourteen officers drawn from all three Services have been deployed on six-month tours with the 350-strong United Nations force since the end of 1991, preventing violations of the 1,700km cease-fire line between the Royal Moroccan Army and the freedom fighters of the Frente Polisario.

But in the absence of a decision on a referendum in the area, the UK has decided to withdraw its contingent.

## Medics withdraw

THE BRITISH presence in Zagreb is to cease this month when the British Medical Battalion withdraws. In theatre since June 1992, BRITMEDBATT was the first British unit to deploy to the former Yugoslavia.

First formed by 24 Field Ambulance Group, the Operation Hanwood deployment was subsequently taken over by 4 Armoured Field Ambulance from Minden and is currently based on 5 Armoured Field Ambulance from Preston.

It is not yet known if another nation will take on the UN medical task in Croatia.

The number of Croat and Muslim snipers killed since mid-May by British UN troops serving in Bosnia-Hercegovina has been unofficially estimated as "up to 18". Local forces have fired on the British at least 46 times during that period, according to Lt Col Alastair Duncan, commanding officer of the 1 PWO Battalion Group, and UN rules of engagement permit troops to fire in self-defence.

The deaths of four snipers have been confirmed, but in an interview with BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, Col Duncan said: "My judgement is it might be up to 18, but I can't confirm that definitely."

He said that soldiers returning fire at positions up to 400 yards away would not "hang around in the area" and would be unable to judge the exact effects of the engagement.

Although sporadic sniping had been reported around Vitez, and the road had been closed briefly by fighting at Gornji Vakuf, the British area of responsibility was said to be relatively quiet as all sides awaited the outcome of the Geneva peace conference.

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# German troops drop in

A GERMAN paratroop battalion dropped on British soil for the first time as it took part in the major annual exercise of 24 Airmobile Brigade during the first two weeks in September.

Four sticks – accompanied by Parachute Regiment Liaison Officer Maj Bill Laurence – descended on Salisbury Plain to join Dutch and Belgian soldiers who are part of the Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps' Multinational Division (Central).

The 1,000 Belgian, Dutch and German soldiers joined 4,000 British members of the MND(C) who were developing their airmobility procedures and testing units which have joined the brigade.

Based in Colchester after moving from Catterick in March, 24 Airmobile Brigade comprises the 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment; the 1st Battalion, The Light Infantry; 3 and 9 Regiments Army Air Corps, based at Wattisham and Dishforth; 19 Regiment RA; 21 Air Defence Battery RA; 51 Field Squadron RE; a Combat Service Support Battalion; 210 Signal Squadron and 19 Field Ambulance.

• A report on the exercise will appear in SOLDIER.

# QLR granted Spandau Freedom



**Herr Sigurd Hauff, Mayor of Spandau, accompanied by the Colonel of the regiment, Maj Gen Scott Grant, inspects men of the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment while presenting them with the Freedom of Berlin's oldest town. Spandau's Freedom has been bestowed on eight British regiments serving in Berlin since 1945, but 1 QLR will be the last before the Allies leave the city late next year. After the ceremony in the old market place, men of 1 QLR marched through the streets of Spandau with bayonets fixed, flags flying and band playing**

## Army strength

TOTAL strength of the British Army on July 1 was 133,058, according to Government Statistical Service figures.

This is 12,305 down on a year ago, reflecting the effect of the Options for Change drawdown. A breakdown puts current strengths at: male officers 14,875; Servicemen 110,632; female officers 1,182; Service-women 6,369.

## Look out, world, here we come . . .

Dressed to conquer the world are Capt Deborah Jones (left) and Lt Louise Tompkins. They were setting off down The Mall, London, in a horse-drawn Victorian landau at the start of the seven-team international Champagne Charlie round-the-world challenge.

Their mission, sponsored by Champagne Charles Heidsieck, is to complete the cir-

cumnavigation within 100 days using unusual transport but no aircraft.

Both women were serving in the Royal Signals (Deborah has just left the Army) when they won a competition to represent Great Britain in the challenge.

Teams from France, Germany, Switzerland, Australia, Canada and Japan are also taking part, and all are required to visit 20 capital cities around the world.

Deborah and Louise plan to raise money for Save the Children during their trip.

## Warrior death

BDR PAUL Dewhurst (25) of 4 Regiment RA died when the Warrior in which he was travelling overturned on hitting a pothole and exploded in flames during an exercise at Wainwright in Canada. His twin brother, LCpl Stephen Dewhurst, badly burned in the accident, was one of four men who were injured.

Bdr Dewhurst, from Darlington, was married with a child.



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## Single entry

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they had become 16, Brig Mountford explained.

"That means, with an average leaving age of 16 years 6 months or, in some cases, 16 years 10 months, they would want to become adult soldiers straight away because of the pay scales.

"We want and we need to recruit the very best that come out of school at whatever age they are, but to take them on when they are physically and mentally mature enough to cope with very arduous training.

"We cannot afford to be left behind by the other two Services, who take recruits from the age of 16."

However, most 16-year-olds have not reached full physical development and, with their bones still not hardened, could be injured if subjected to demanding training too early.

The RSCs would keep less mature potential recruits "on ice" until they had reached the enlistment age of 16 years 9½ months.

Reasoning behind this age specification is that, by the time successful recruits have finished their ten-week initial stint at one of the five ATRs, they will begin phase two at the age of 17.

At Lichfield, as will happen when all four RSCs are fully operational, an ATR is co-located at the barracks.

There will be immediate benefits, Brig Mountford said.

For the first time, a close link between recruiters and trainers will be formed, because the people concerned will be sharing facilities such as the gymnasium, mixing in the mess and seeing the results of their work "on the spot".

And from the recruits' point of view, the whole process will be a much smoother, seamless transition - from selection to initial training to secondary training.

"Five years ago," said Brig Mountford, "every cap badge was 'doing its own thing'."

"With the control now being centralised to HQ Inspector General Doctrine and Training at Upavon, things are now under tighter control, making it very much easier to ensure that there are common standards for training and pastoral care."

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## It fell off the back of a train, honest guv . . . !



These soldiers from F Company, 3rd Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment had a lucky find during a search operation in Northern Ireland. They were checking the main north-south railway line near Lurgan, Co Armagh, when they found a barrel full of Guinness. It had, literally, fallen off the back of a train from Dublin, where the famous "black velvet" is brewed.

A spokesman for Guinness said: "We often have barrels returned to us from strange locations - but they are usually empty!"



The Adjutant General, Gen Sir Michael Wilkes, talks to recruits Richard Goodship (left) and Dave Capstick during a tour of the Recruitment Selection Centre at Lichfield. "The remarkable thing," he said, "is that we have brought the scheme forward (from April 1994) and made it work."

## Gordons exercise in Italy

WATERLOO Company, 1st Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders returned to Berlin fit and tanned after an excellent ten-day exercise in southern Italy with the conscripted 3rd Battalion, The Bersaglieri Regiment.

High points of Exercise Roman Tartan included a demanding 20km night infiltration over the Mandranello mountains under 2nd Lt Cameron Humphries and a spectacular company attack.

Company HQ, under Lt Aiden Honley, overcame language differences through the translation services of Capt David White from 38 Fd Sqn RE.

The Jocks fired Italian weapons, including the FAL TN 59 rifle and visited tank, artillery and logistic units. A battlefield tour of Monte Cassino was led by 2nd Lt Clive Posselt and visits were also made to Pompeii and Caserta Palace.

## Zoo treat

REFUGEE children from Bosnia living in temporary accommodation around Waldniel, Monchengladbach, were treated to a day at Duisburg Zoo by the British Army at Rheindahlen and the Stadtsparkasse Krefeld. A bus and driver were provided by 68 Regiment RLC.

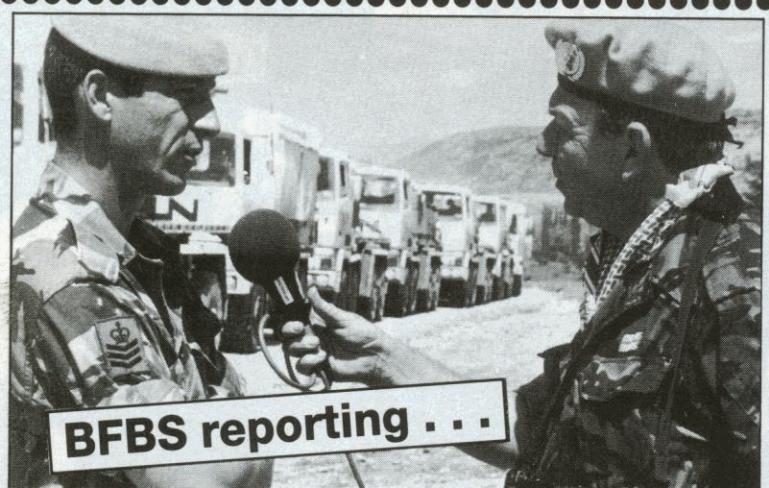
# Gordons in good company

Sgt Alan Cunningham (front) is a member of a 35-strong platoon of Gordon Highlanders who, with platoons from The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and The Queen's Lancashire Regiment, have made up a composite company to serve with 1 PWO. Behind are (left to right): Lt Jason Calder, Pte Christopher Philip, LCpl Sandy Sandison and Davie Pirie, Cpl Eddie Costello and Ptes Mike Clarke, Jason Bruce and Flakie Young.



## LINK MEN

Gurkha Signaller Tej Magar (front left), Cpl Frank Nevens, Sig Paul Strong and LCpl Russ Jardine provide a strategic satellite communications link from Vitez to Split and the United Kingdom. This Royal Signals communications team is from Blandford-based 30 Signal Regiment.



### BFBS reporting ...

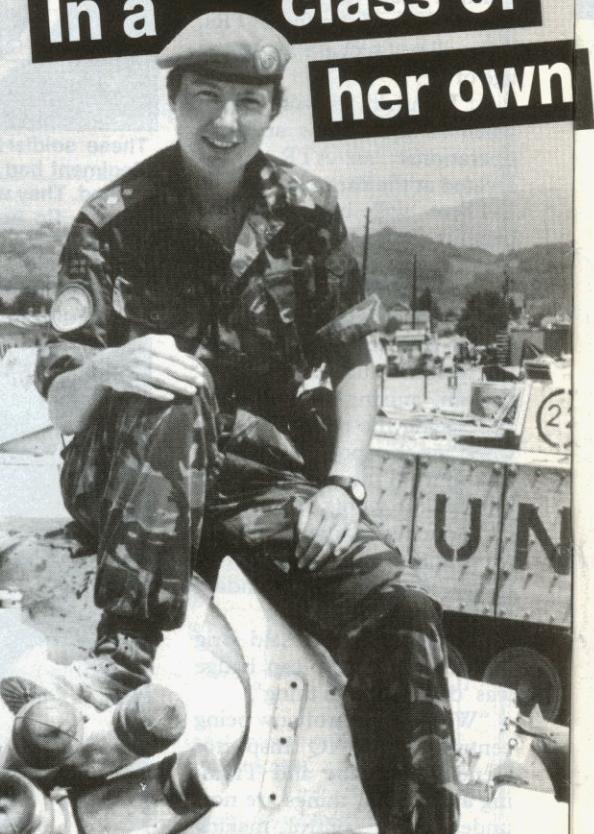
BFBS network news editor, Bryan Hamilton (right) accompanied a SOL-DIER news team during a recent two-week assignment in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He visited many units, producing dozens of news reports and interviews which were broadcast to soldiers' families in Germany.

### The mail's in

LCpl Steven Robinson is one of three RLC posties running a United Nations forces post office at the UN headquarters at Kiseljak. He deals with the mail of seven different countries.



### In a class of her own

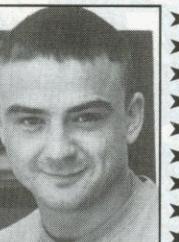


Lt Jane Brothwell AGC (ETS) is a watchkeeper in the operations room at the British Battalion Group base at Vitez. As a "schoolie", she has also been running education courses for soldiers serving with Op Grapple units.

## TOPO THE MORNING ...



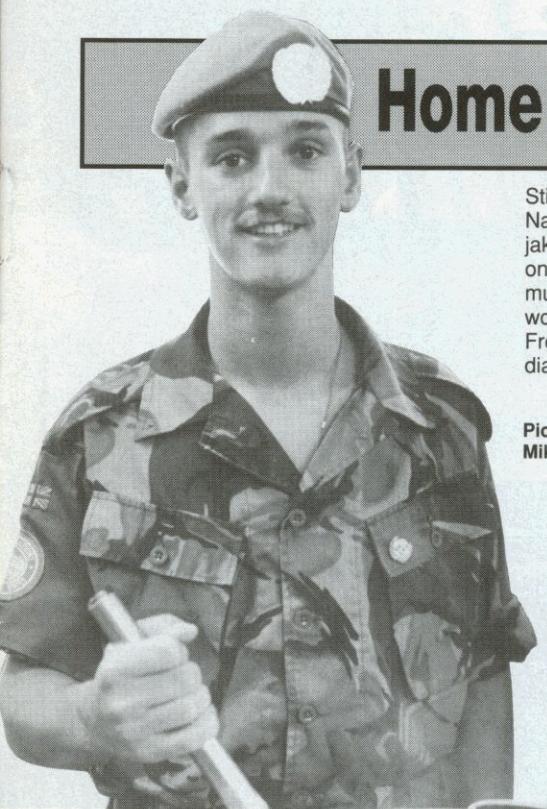
Spr Danny Bailey (left) and LCpl Ron Real are two members of the Royal Engineers Taciprint section of 13 Topographical Squadron, commanded by Maj Peter Smith, which provides geographic support to the UN Headquarters, producing overprinted operational maps and weekly intelligence summaries.



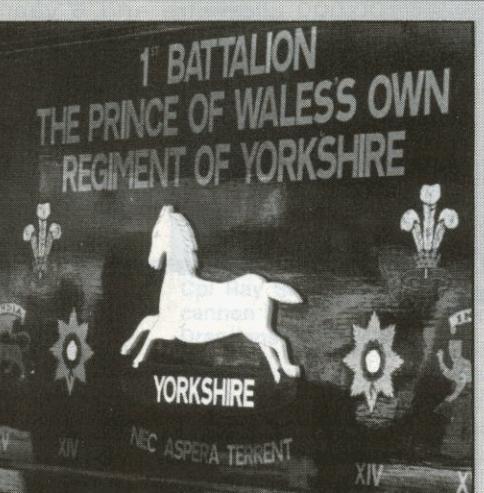
## Home cooking

Stirring things up at the United Nations headquarters at Kiseljak is Pte Jason Eskdale, the only British chef in the HQ's multinational kitchen. He works alongside Danish, French, Dutch, Spanish, Canadian and Belgian cooks.

Pictures: Mike Weston



### SIGN OF PRIDE



WO1 (RSM) Andy Adair pictured with the Yorkies' pride and joy - the regimental sign at their Vitez base.



## Smooth talking drivers

Section commander LCpl Ian Jones RLC (nearest camera) and RAF Cpl Alan Savage are part of the international transport company based at Kiseljak. Both men are well versed in the art of negotiating their way through checkpoints.

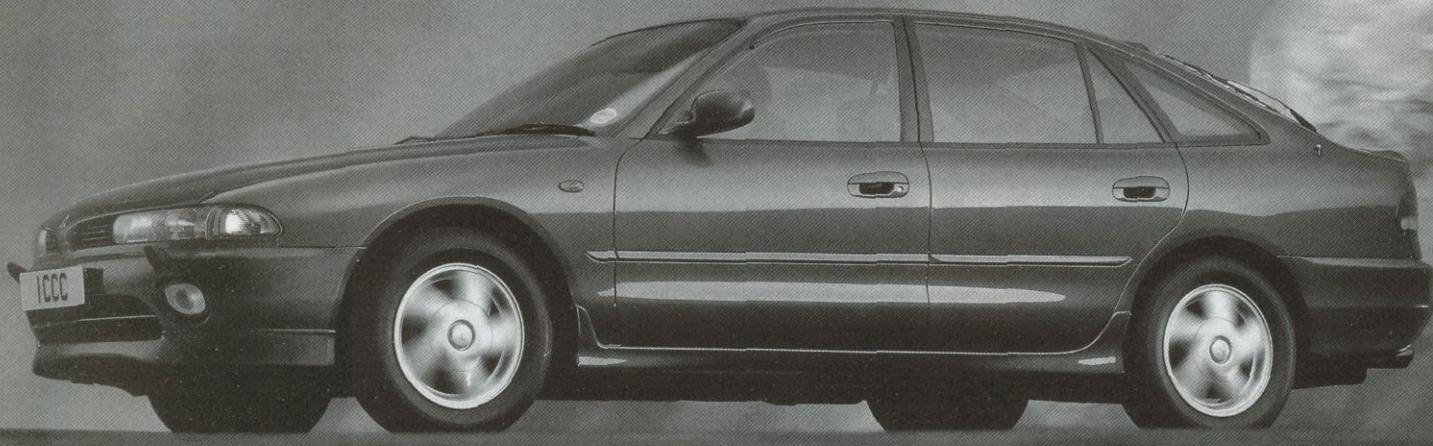
## GRAPPLE PEOPLE



## Pete-a-piper?

Pipeline Pete was erected by 931 Petroleum Troop at the entrance to BFI 1 near Tomislavgrad. Guarded by Ptes Mike King and Oz Hynes, "Pete", who has been built from left-over fuel pipes and connectors, is an incongruous landmark for visitors to the complex.

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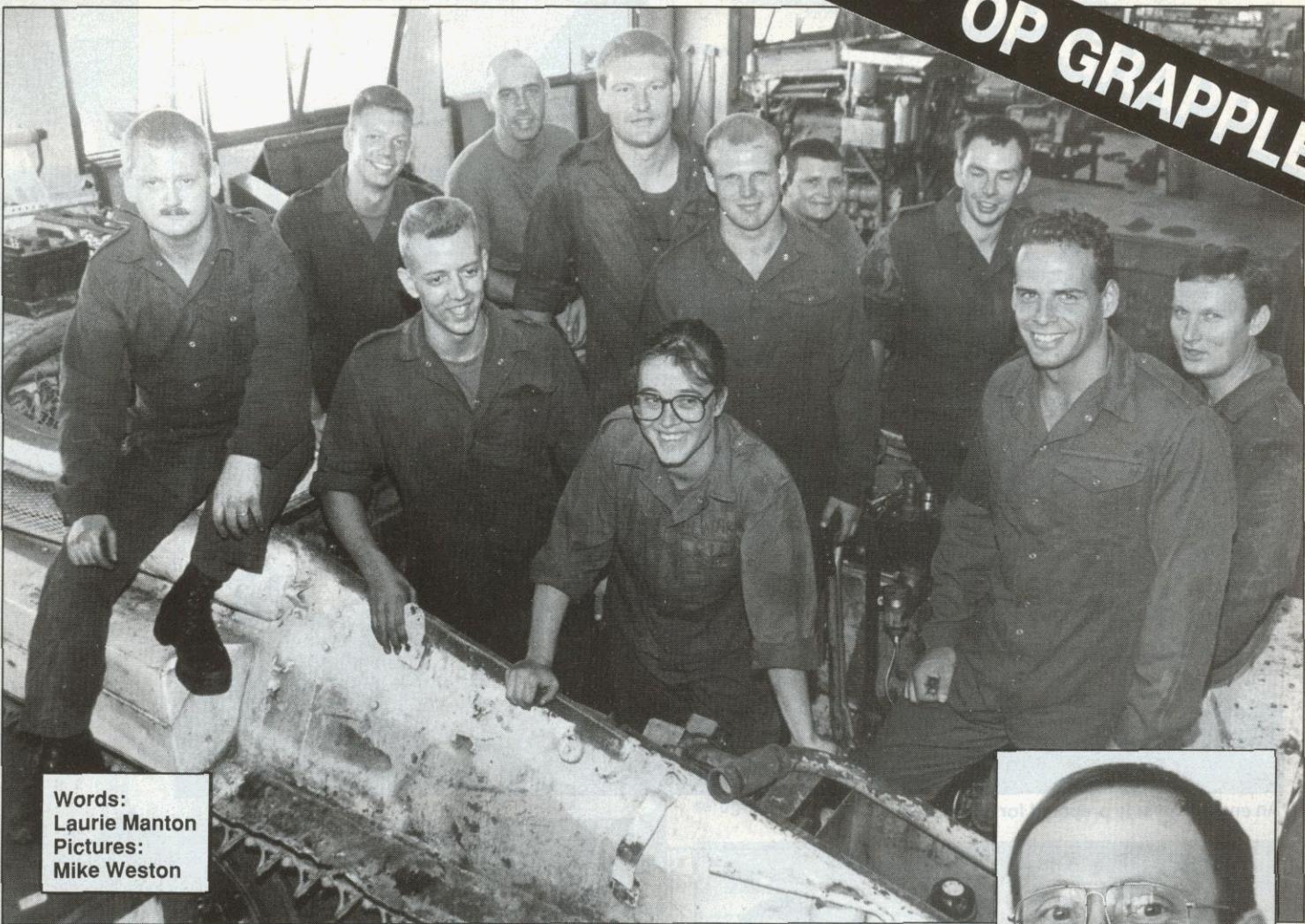
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Cfn Kiwi Ward (front centre) is the only girl in this group of REME vehicle mechanics repairing a Scimitar armoured reconnaissance vehicle at Split. Inset – Maj Nigel Moore, OC Equipment Support Company



# REME's remit is to keep 'em rolling

SECOND-line REME workshop support for British Forces in the former Yugoslavia is being provided by a 140-strong contingent from Detmold-based 4 Armoured Workshop REME who make up the equipment support company of the National Support Element.

The main body of the company is based at the Koncar Factory in Split. A Forward Repair Group (FRG) is based at the "Garage" in Vitez, with detachments at Gornji Vakuf and Tuzla. Two recovery mechanics maintain a presence at Ploce at the southern end of the Mostar Road convoy route.

Workshop Main at Split has a number of separate departments. Capt Andy Turner commands the vehicle and power pack repair platoon



Cpl Ray Smith checks the bore of Rarden cannon barrel, main armament of the Light Dragoons' Scimitars

which carries out second-line repairs and component changes that cannot be done by fitters serving with the various front-line REME light aid detachments.

A composite platoon com-

mended by Capt Jim Goss, covers optronic and armament repairs. It includes a 35-strong Royal Logistic Corps stores section which controls spares required by the organisation.

The men of 361 Section work from a number of transferable stores containers mounted on 14-tonne trucks.

"Through computerised stores accounting systems and a satellite link we are able to order items direct from stores depots in the UK," said Cpl Daz Fanshawe.

According to OC ES Com-

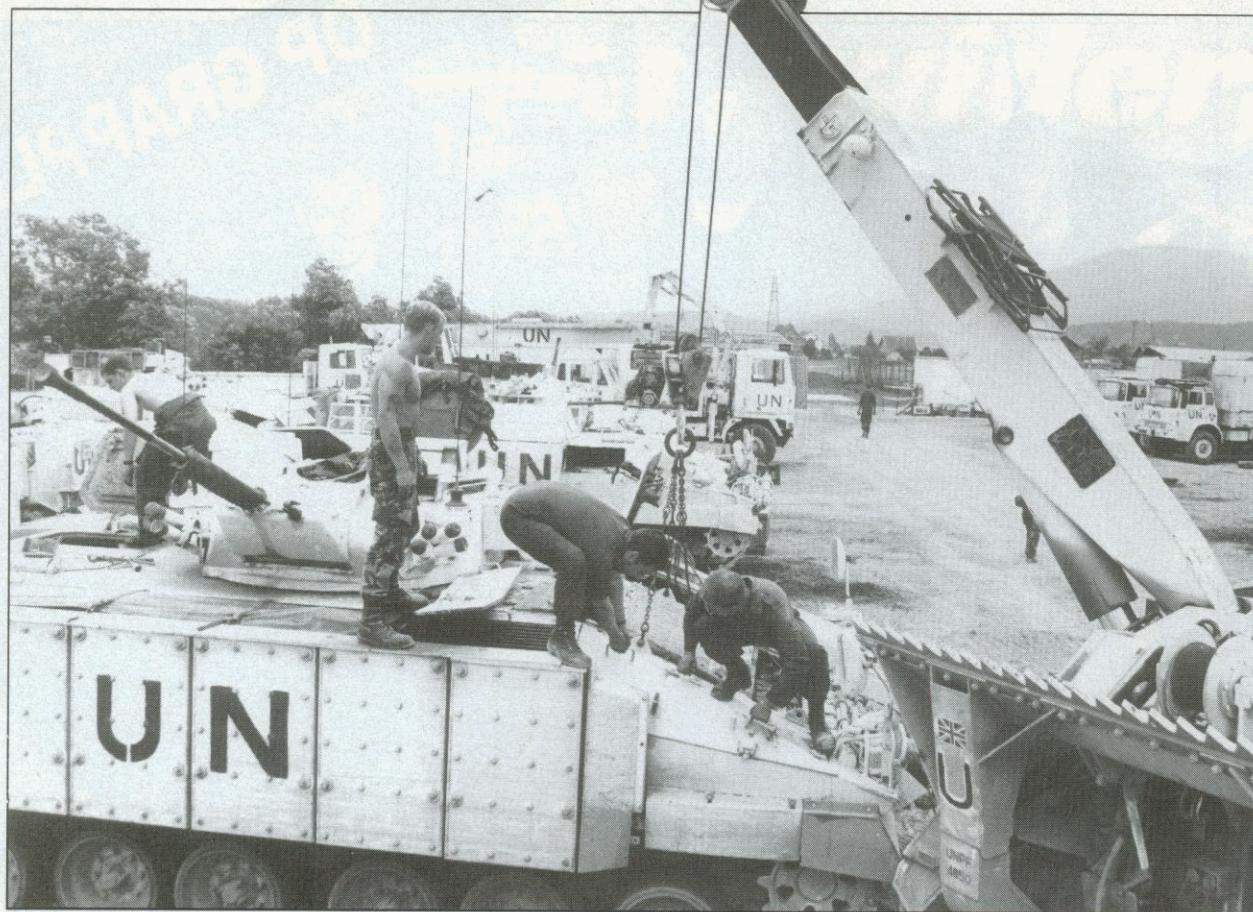
pany, Maj Nigel Moore, his men are also helping out other units such as the NSE Transport Squadron whose trucks are clocking up phenomenal mileages.

"Each covers around 2,000km per week, and they are probably doing as many miles in six months as they might normally have been expected to do in six years," he said.

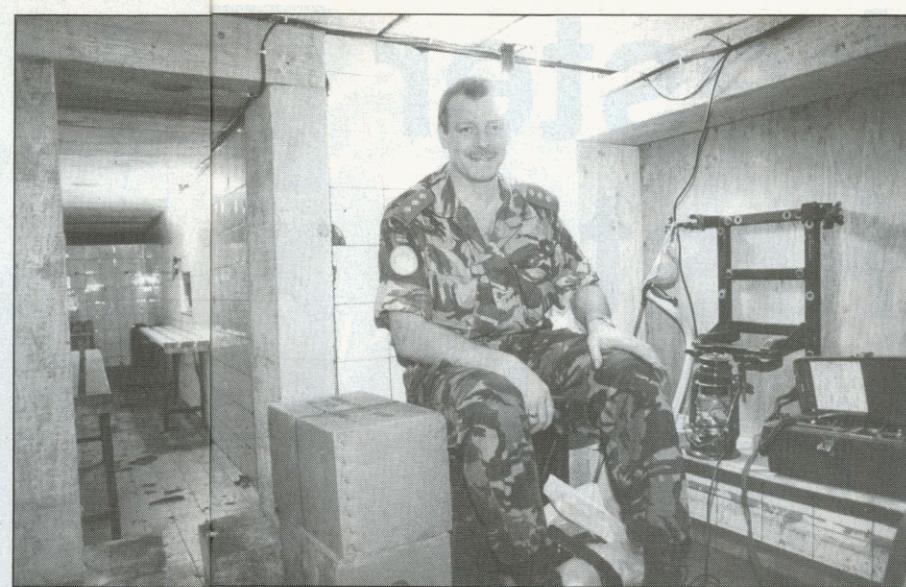
Some of the REME tasks are unusual. A Foden recovery vehicle crewed by LCpl Tim Kenn and Cfn Taff McKenna spent a busy week assisting the ill-starred Muslim "Convoy of Joy" over Route Triangle.

Perhaps the most exciting recovery performed by the company was the extraction of two mine-damaged Warriors

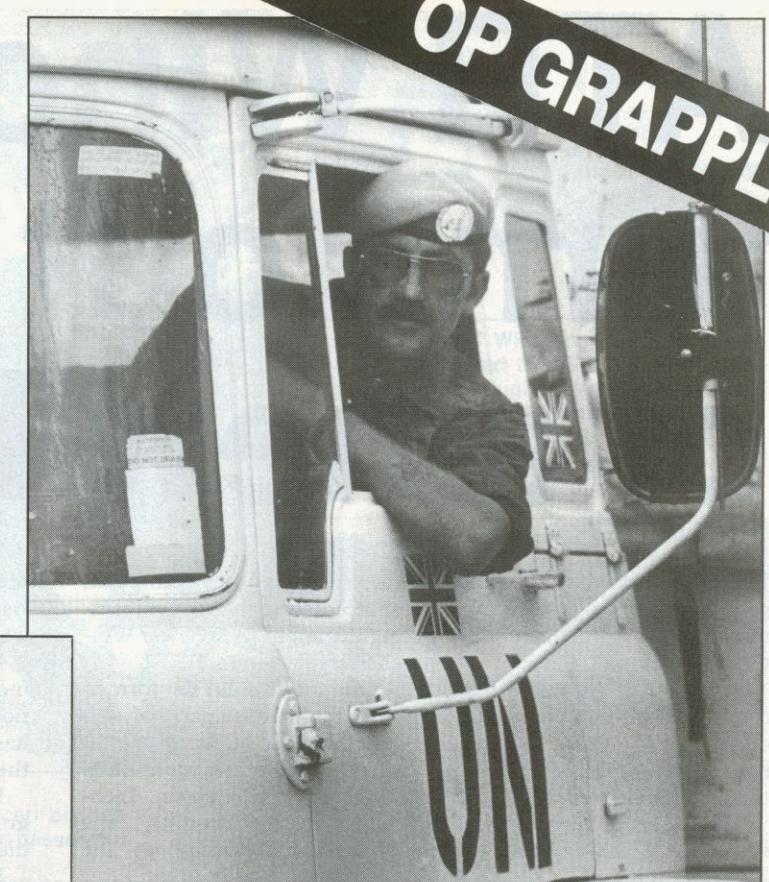
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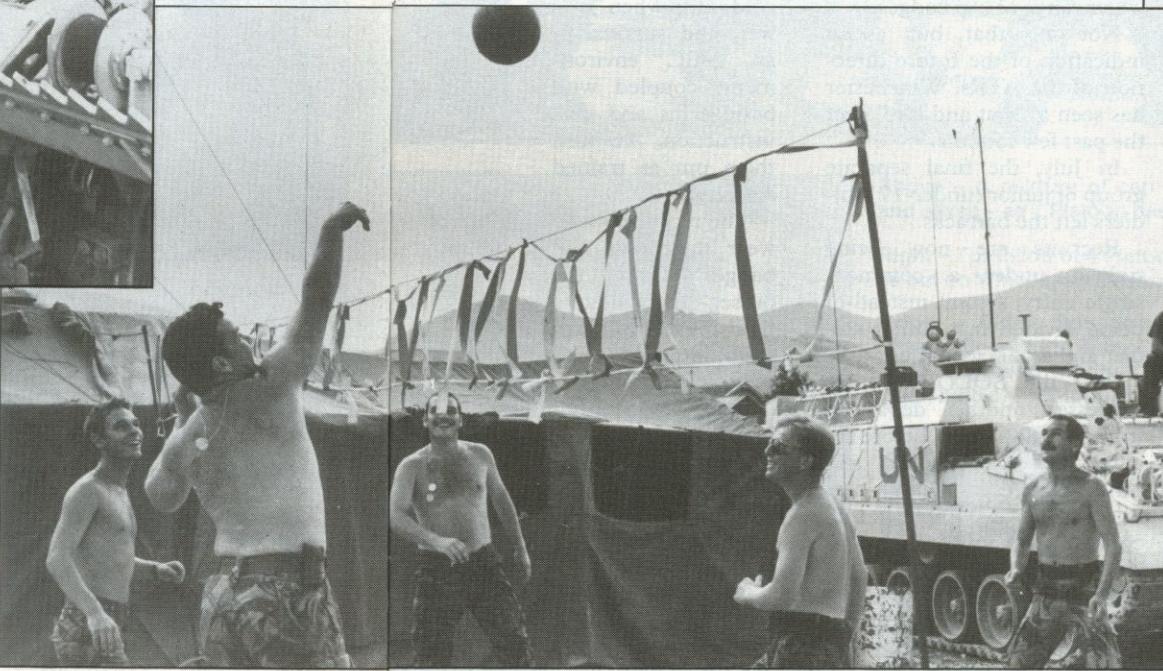
An engine cover is prepared for lifting by the LAD



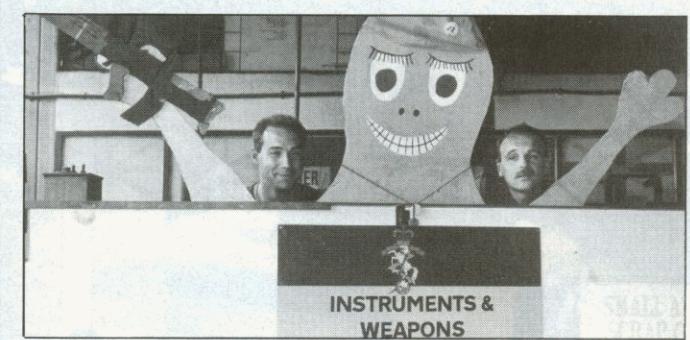
Capt Byron Cawkwell in a bomb shelter constructed over unused vehicle inspection pits



Cpl Phil Hodgson of 1 PWO's transport platoon helped move refugees to safety



A game of volleyball provides a welcome break from duties at the Garage



INSTRUMENTS & WEAPONS

Sgts Syd Starling and Steve Gibson with Mr Blobby



Optronics technicians Sgts Chaz Newbold and Pete Lamacrajk with a piece of thermal imaging equipment they repaired

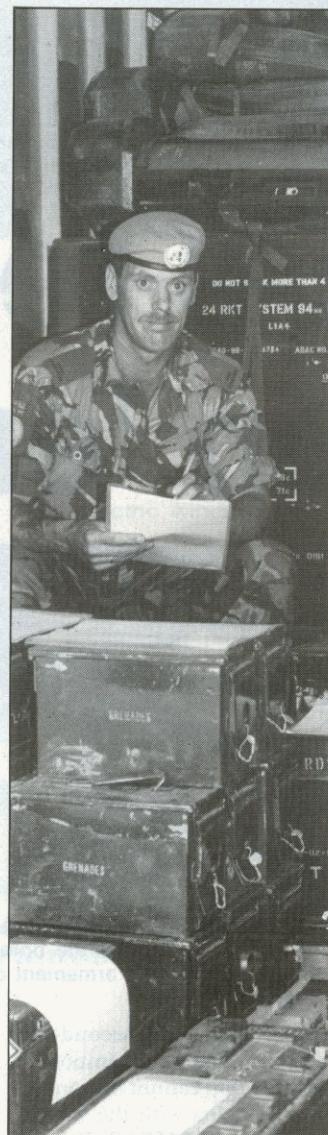
## REME remit

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from a minefield near Gornji Vakuf.

The second Warrior was a REME variant belonging to 1 PWO's LAD which struck a mine while trying to recover the first vehicle. Understandably, workshop recovery mechanic Cpl Andy Skelton asked the sapper EOD team to ensure the area was "absolutely" clear of mines before he took his crew in to pull clear the disabled Warriors.

"Several armoured vehicles have run over mines in Bosnia.



Cpl Ray Wenham checks stocks of grenades and anti-tank missiles before issue

The Warriors seem to stand up well to them and this is giving crews a lot of confidence," said Maj Moore.

"My soldiers have 22 different trades and have the capability to repair, in theatre, all of the British Army's equipment, ranging from wrist watches to Warriors."

"Of the Warriors, only two have been shipped back to the UK for repair, not because they were irreparable, but because the Army has never had mine-damaged Warriors before and it was an ideal opportunity for them to be studied by research and development scientists."

# VITEZ 'GARAGE' HAS EXPLOSIVE HISTORY

MOTOR Transport warrant officer Ken Denham has good cause to remember the time he and other members of 1 PWO's MT section provided trucks to move more than 1,000 refugees.

As he assisted one crippled refugee, he was handed a carrier bag and was stunned to find it contained a foot. The man had carried it with him for several days in the hope it could be sewn back on.

"It was heartbreaking to see," said WO2 Denham.

With other members of the 1 PWO Echelon, WO2 Denham

is encamped at a former garage, a mile from the main British camp.

The "Garage", from which 150 soldiers operate, is part of a former plastic explosives factory. It provides a maintenance and logistic supply base for the British Battalion Group in Vitez.

Yorkies Quartermaster and OC Echelon Capt Byron Cawkwell said: "It houses a transport platoon, a REME light aid detachment responsible for battalion group vehicles and a forward ordnance team and an ammunition techni-

WO1 (ASM) Pete Boczko helped recover the commander's Warrior

cian, as well as a detachment of Light Dragoons and a forward repair group from the National Support Element."

WO1 (ASM) Pete Boczko of 1 PWO's REME LAD is the senior artificer in Bosnia and is responsible for ensuring that the LAD fitter sections run smoothly.

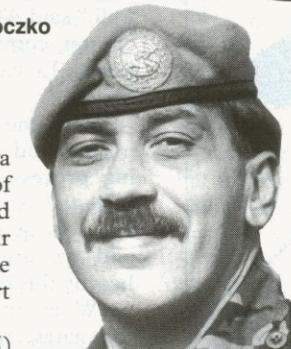
When the Warrior infantry fighting vehicle belonging to the commander of the British Battalion Group, Lt Col Alastair Duncan, ran over a mine, WO1 Boczko led two REME recovery vehicles to rescue him.

"We had to cut away a section of road barrier before we could winch him out. The whole operation lasted 14

hours," he said.

Life at the Garage is not without humour. Three "Trekkies", Cpl Geordie Robson and LCpls Al Muirhead and Simmo Sims, have founded a Vitez branch of the Star Trek fan club and did up a rest room to look like the interior of the Starship Enterprise. The REME instruments and weapons section produced a giant cardboard cut-out of TV personality Mr Blobby.

Complete with SA 80 and UN beret, Mr Blobby was last seen in the turret of a Warrior being driven round the base.



# ATR Winchester turns out first of a new breed

TO THE current youthful generation, male and female, trainers are something they wear on their feet.

But in the attractive surroundings of the Hampshire countryside, some of them have been encountering a totally different variety.

They are the recruits who, since April, have been put



Gym'll fix it: watched by families, sons and daughters are transformed into something resembling physical experts

through their paces – ten weeks at a time – at the Army Training Regiment (ATR) near Winchester.

One of five ATRs formed that month as part of the restructuring of Army recruit training (the others are at Bassingbourn, Glencorse, Lichfield and Pirbright), the establishment based at the

seven-year-old Sir John Moore Barracks now trains a much wider range of cap badges.

Not only that, but, as an indication of the future direction of the ATRs, Winchester has seen a "first and last" over the past few months.

In July, the final separate group of junior (under-17) soldiers left the barracks.

Recruits are now being trained under a common, single entry, system instead of being divided into junior soldier and adult categories.

And the SOLDIER team witnessed another departure from tradition when, before the curious eyes of parents and other relatives, the first pass out parade at Winchester to contain women recruits was held.

Holders of this historic distinction were 7 Platoon, whose 28 members – who had just completed their Phase 1 training of the Common Military Syllabus (Recruits) – constituted just a fraction of the barracks' annual influx of 2,272 recruits from home and overseas.

At any one time there will be 568 recruits in training.

"The re-organisation here (from being a Light Division Depot, with comparatively few capbadges undergoing training) has gone very well," said ATR Winchester commanding officer Lt Col Robin Phayre.

"Now the amalgamation and disbanding process is coming to an end, the Army is as much in business as it has ever been, and we are recruiting quite heavily this year.

"When they come through the gates, many recruits are 'rough and ready', with long hair, ear-rings, pony tails and the like," the CO added.

"At the end of ten weeks, having mastered the tech-

niques of, say, how to keep warm when it is cold, dry when it is wet, and survival in an NBC environment, coupled with basic arms and drill instruction, we turn them out as trained soldiers."

The recruits – who wear their own cap badges from the outset – then go on to their respective corps to undertake specialist to arm training.

Staff at Winchester have remarked on the healthy rivalry, not only between cap badges and platoons, but between boys and girls.

This was in evidence in one of the inter-company swimming matches, where one company played an ace – sweeping the male opposition aside – by producing a Scottish women's international swimmer and one at county level.

Also, when it was suggested that the girls be allowed to dispense with carrying rifles on parade, there were howls of protest from the female element, who insisted on being given no concessions.

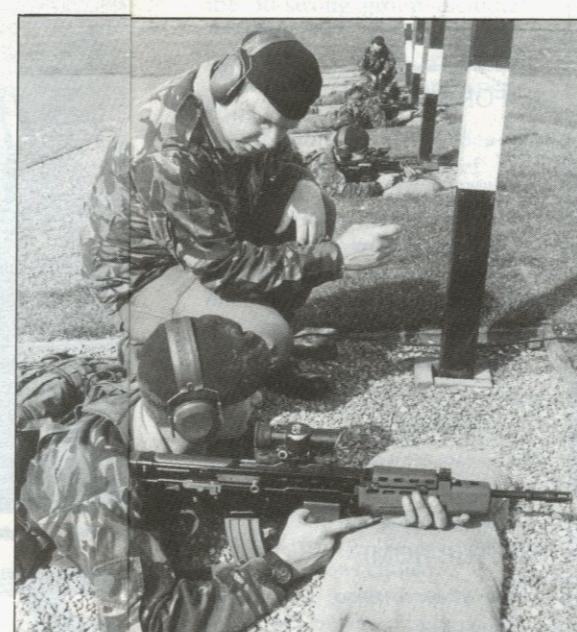
As Lt Col Phayre put it: "I think the young men and women coming in at present are not only well educated but are very keen to succeed."

That day's pass out parade was one of twelve this year, he said, and this was due to increase to one every two weeks next year as the ATR's annual throughput reaches an expected total of two-and-a-half thousand soldiers by April.

To a certain extent, he sup-



Above – A mixture of cap badges – and sexes – as 7 Platoon passes out



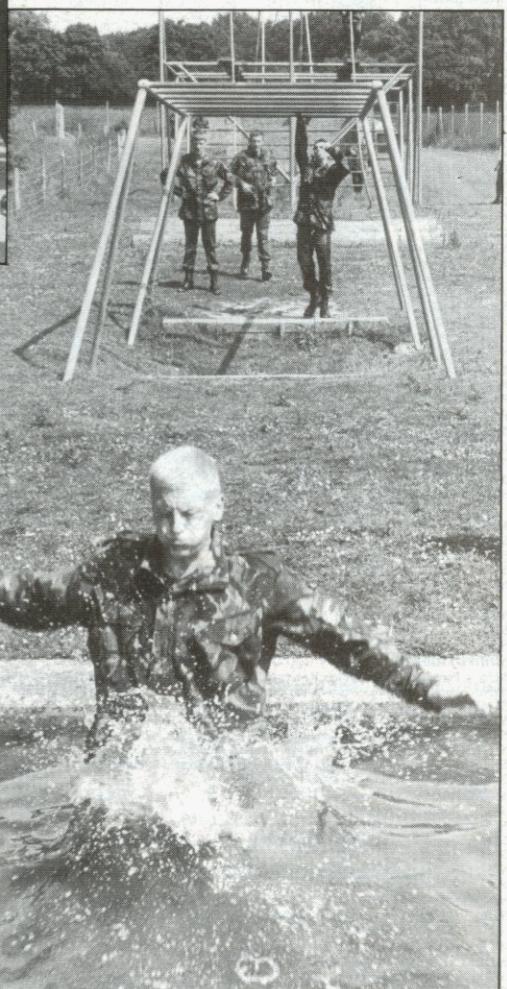
Range officer Cpl Ron Owen, from Paderborn, gives a young recruit a spot of weapon training

Right – Tpr Elliott of 4 Platoon splashes out on Winchester's assault course

Below – Didn't they do well? Best Phase 1 Recruit Pte Barry Cleland with Most Improved Recruit Pte Sarah Wills, both of 7 Platoon



LCpl "Winnie" Winstone, the first female PTI to be posted to ATR Winchester, who put recruits through their paces in gym and pool in front of somewhat astonished parents. With her is SSgt Dave Bowen (APTC), who runs the barracks' remedial section, an essential daily need of the ATR's life



posed, he was like a headmaster, guiding his "pupils" and seeking their parents' views.

"The main difference which they seem to notice as a result of the ten weeks is how much more confident their sons and daughters have become, how much more helpful they have been at home – and that they tend to stand up straighter!" Lt Col Phayre chuckled.

Training at Winchester is helped a great deal by facilities such as the modern gymnasium and swimming pool.

Parents watched, amazed, as former "couch potatoes", changed beyond recognition, vaulted horses and practised a stealthy attack on unsuspecting "enemies" as they made their way, without a sound, from one

end of the pool to the other.

Outside, meanwhile, 4 Platoon, in their ninth week of training, were being put through their paces on the assault course by, among others, QMSI Paul Williams of the Army Physical Training Corps.

"It gives them confidence and builds up their agility and strength, as well as being a lot of fun," he said, as several nimble youths, having negotiated a wall, splashed through the water and tackled the climbing net.

"Apart from that, taking this course on and successfully coming through endurance tests like runs with heavy webbing on gives everybody a sense of achievement. When

they arrived, they were ready to give up after the first attempt.

"Now, with pass out a week away, they grit their teeth and get on with it."

He and his fellow staff members (33 officers, 145 soldiers and 107 civilians) are carefully selected and have enormous experience to hand on.

Many of the military personnel – drawn from all the cap badges trained at the regiment, together with members of the Small Arms School Corps – served in the Gulf.

As one instructor said: "We are trying to help the recruits gain an experience of regimental life, and to pass it on at a basic level without trying to cram in too much. After all, as they mature, they will pick up

the rest throughout their Army career."

The members of 7 Platoon, destined for their next phase of training in locations as disparate as Chichester, Middle Wallop and Ouston, duly passed out in front of their parents and smaller brothers and sisters – perhaps the next generation of recruits.

Later, once the parade square had been cleared, a drill instructor exhorted another young group: "Chins up! Get those peaks up!"

For these soldiers of tomorrow, as they repeated their instructions and actions by rote over and over again until they became second nature to them, it was time to swap those trainers for boots.

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# TA CONQUERORS OF MONT BLANC

MONT BLANC, roof of the Alps, was climbed by more than a dozen Territorials just hours before an avalanche swept eight climbers to their death on a nearby peak.

Living up to its formidable reputation, the Mont Blanc massif was nevertheless a memorable setting for the ten-day expedition staged by Wales and Western District – the first all-TA climbing expedition mounted by a UK district.

Drawn from a wide variety of units among the three brigades of Wales and Western District, the 30-strong group included APTC and Royal Marine instructors with extensive Alpine and Himalayan experience.

The project was the idea of Shrewsbury-based Chief of Staff Col Peter Cook who wanted to give as many TA soldiers – male and female – as possible the chance to join a once-in-a-career expedition.

It was not only an ideal way of celebrating Wales and Western District's first anniversary but also of forging contracts between the many different TA units based within it.

Mont Blanc, at almost 16,000 ft the highest peak in Europe west of the Caucasus, was an obvious choice.

"It is a peak known and respected by the climbing fraternity and was something worth achieving," said WO1 (SMI) Kevin Edwards APTC, organiser of Exercise Territorial Dragon. A member of the physical and adventurous training staff at Shrewsbury, he is a veteran of expeditions worldwide.

The group – of mixed ability ranging from several complete novices to a few Scottish climbers and a couple of Alpinists – based themselves at a campsite in Chamonix in the shadow of Mont Blanc.

They included Territorials of 4 Kings Own Border, 203 (W) Gen Hosp RAMC, 236 Sqn RLC, 55 Sig Sqn, 202 Fd Sqn RE, Liverpool UOTC, 5 LI, 3 RWF, 126 Reclam Coy REME, 208 Bty RA, 33 Sig Regt, 5 RRF, 3 Staffords, 5/8 Kings, 144 Para Fd Amb, 4 RRW, 208 Gen Hosp RAMC, 4 QLR, R Mon RE, 29 Int and



On the summit at almost 16,000ft – back (left to right) LCpl Dion Edge, Sgt Eddie Jones, WO1 Kevin Edwards, 2nd Lt Andy Mason. Front: Pte Mick Kempster, Cpl David Morgan and Pte Tania Matthews



Approaching the summit at dawn – razor-sharp snow ridges are a feature of the final stages

Sy Coy, 23 SAS, 202 Fd Sqn RE, and 35 Sig Regt.

Expedition leader was Maj Dave Kay, 4 Kings Own Border, a freelance outdoor pursuits and mountaineering instructor in Cumbria and a veteran Alpinist.

The instructors were WO1 Edwards, CSgt Richard Lake-Bullen RM, based at the Commando Training Centre, and Sgt Andy Phillips APTC, of the Joint Services Mountain Training Centre, Tywyn. Each led a small group of about six.

All four groups were able to notch up four hard climbs during the ten days of the trip, interspersed with days of crag-

climbing practice.

"It has been a marvellous experience," said Sgt Eddie Jones, a 46-year-old Liverpool ambulance and a member of Merseyside-based 208 General Hospital RAMC. "I have been clinging on to the rock with my teeth and anything else I could think of with some of these drops."

Breathtaking views into Switzerland and of the Matterhorn in the distance accompanied a two-day ascent of

Aiguille du Tour (3,542m), reached after an overnight stay at a mountain hut beside a glacier. This was to be a taste of the long haul up Mont Blanc.

Mont Blanc (4,807m), first climbed in 1786, now attracts hundreds each year but it is an exacting climb demanding professional expertise and kit.

Split into two groups led by WO1 Edwards and CSgt Lake-Bullen, the 13 Territorials set off for the summit from different directions, overnighting at the Grands-Mulets Hut at 3,051 metres and the Vallot Refuge just short of the top.

The latter, a tiny metal ice-

box clinging to a rocky outcrop, was crammed to overflowing with climbers of several nationalities. Cold and cramped conditions prevented much sleep, everyone rising at 0400 hours.

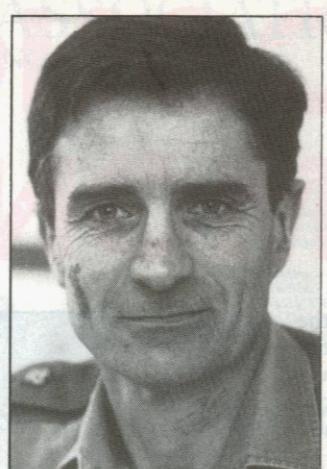
Early morning starts enable climbers to reach and leave a summit before the sun gets too high, making the most of the frozen snow and cutting down the risk of avalanches.

Heading for the summit in the dark, a procession of head-torches could be seen stretching far below as climbers who had started up to four hours earlier slowly made their way upward. The view across the Alps was beyond description as the sun rose, but the wind was biting as they reached the summit and after a few photographs the team turned round for the long walk down.

"It was everything I expected and more," said Pte Mick Kempster 5 LI, a self-employed truck driver who only recently joined the TA.

Plans are now afoot for another Wales and Western District sponsored adventurous training expedition next year, this time to Kenya.

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**Lt Col John McColl** the commanding officer, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment

Cramped conditions for Cookstown cooks do not mean bad food: Sgt Dave Cooper, Pte Chris Shelley, LCpl Dave Thompson and Pte Paul Sives see to that



End of patrol smile from Pte Timmy Mallett



Above - Ptes Johnnie Smith and Nick Bliss check a potential hiding place

Left - QM Maj David Whitehead appreciates the support of his staff

# POACHERS IN EAST TYRONE

THE SPOT where Cpl Guy Gibson pushed through the hedgerow was not one a rambler would have chosen.

With its thick hawthorn and holly hiding barbed wire and a steep, nettled cutting to the Aughnacloy-Dungannon road, it was not a place even a sensible poacher would have chosen.

Surprise appearances and vehicle checkpoints were often sprung by the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment during its six-month tour as the first East Tyrone Battalion.

Although they were nearing the end of the tour, the Poachers were more alert than ever.

"There is no point in losing

it in the last couple of weeks because of a mistake," said Cpl Gibson. "Slackening off is not an option because terrorists could easily give you a going-away present."

The battalion was based in Dungannon, with elements located in Coalisland, Cookstown, Pomeroy and Aughnacloy and had a comparatively quiet tour.

The Poachers had a good portion of luck, none more so than when one soldier on patrol checked a culvert and discovered a second hidden by bushes.

"It was in a river and when I

looked in there were a lot of bushes which had been cut and should not have been there," he said. "When I took them away there was a wheely dustbin with 200lb of explosives."

In another incident a Mark 15 with 231lb of home-made explosive disrupted the tea break of a multiple which had just arrived at an RUC station after a 5½ hour patrol. It failed to go off.

The battalion was also fortunate in taking on the tour soon after absorbing many of the Pompadours when the regiment's 3rd Battalion was split

between the 1st and 2nd.

"When people are thrown together on an operational tour, it doesn't matter if you are first, second, third, black, white or polka dot," said the commanding officer, Lt Col John McColl.

"If you can do your job efficiently and professionally then everything will work, and we were fortunate in getting over the merger hurdle immediately."

The new battalion was the biggest he had ever served in. This enabled it to go to Dungannon well up to strength, able to man the rear party in Germany fully, to carry out training, and to send people on

external courses. Lt Col McColl felt sorry for the wives of the newcomers, who joined a strange battalion in Germany, and lost their husbands two months later when they departed for Northern Ireland training.

"A great deal has been done to bring them into the community of the battalion, and more has been laid on during this tour than any other I've ever experienced in the Army," said Lt Col McColl.

Some of the newcomers were returning to Northern Ireland five months after completing a residential tour of Londonderry. But it was an exciting and varied area in

## Search teams look out for the children

VEHICLES at the intermediate search centre at Aughnacloy are asked to slow down when leaving.

With 2,500 vehicles a month passing along the main north-south route, soldiers were concerned for the safety of children walking to school, so they erected a "children crossing" sign to warn drivers.

"We are not here to muck people around," said CSgt Fred Beaumont. "If the sign saves someone's life, it is worth it."

The search centre monitors vehicles to and from the Republic and disrupts movement of arms, explosives and contraband by spot checks.

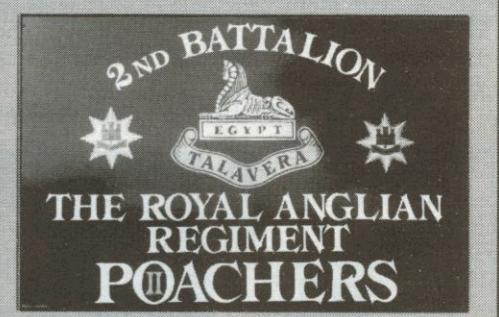
Pig lorries and wagons full of offal are not popular!



Cpl Terry Doran and Pte Jim McGlynn search a vehicle



Above - Cpl Martin Smith keeps tabs on Pomeroy  
Left - Ptes Ian Ellingworth and Tim MacDonald monitor vehicles



always busy and time went quickly."

After three tours, Cpl Guy Gibson enjoys variety. "It is a different ball game in the city. It is like being a bricklayer one day and a chippy the next."

Although his father, Tom, was in the Royal Lincolns, Maj David Whitehead hailed from Sussex when he joined in 1964. As Quartermaster, he now admires the standard of training and the attitude of the young soldiers.

"It is good to see them coming into key posts and doing the job when they are not paid for the responsibility," he said. "It is particularly obvious in the REME and chefs; some

very young blokes are running a one-man show doing a job you wouldn't expect them to do as young privates and craftsmen."

He added that as many on the logistic side had arrived with the pre-advance party and were leaving on the final flight home to their base in Germany, they faced a tour nearer seven months than six.

In the autumn the battalion deploys to Canada for a full Medicine Man exercise at BATUS, returning to the UK in November. It is due to send two companies to BATUS in May 1994 before returning to Belfast. But there is always the unknown factor of Bosnia.

# TA brigade in action under UN flag

MORE THAN 5,000 soldiers took part in Exercise Western Encounter, which involved the deployment of three Territorial Army brigades to Stanford Training Area, near Thetford, Norfolk.

Most of the troops were part-time soldiers from TA units in Wales and Western District. The brigades involved were 42 (North West), 160 (Wales) and 143 (West Midlands) and each spent two weeks at STANTA.

SOLDIER joined 143 (West Midlands) Brigade as it rehearsed the reinforcement of the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps in a scenario based on Britain being sucked into a European conflict while serving under the United Nations flag.

Said the brigade's Chief of Staff, Maj Murdo Urquhart: "We chose this type of scenario because it is more believable for the soldiers and it relieves the boredom of fighting the 'Fantasian' Army yet again!"

Taking part were 5th Battal-

cian Yeomanry and The Duke of Lancaster's Yeomanry. It has squadrons at Dudley, Stourbridge and Wigan.

"Our role is medium reconnaissance for Wales and Western District and my recce troops are mounted in cut-down Land Rovers. It is a change in role, but, with the old home defence role being unrealistic, like everyone else, we are having to adapt to changing world circumstances," said Col Seccombe.

The Officer Commanding 107 Field Squadron RE, Maj John Charlesworth, said his men had been kept busy providing engineer support to 143 Brigade including battle simulation, providing water and carrying out demolitions.

"It has been valuable training for my squadron, and one of my troops erected a 30-metre long Class 70 bridge across a crater to replace a road-way destroyed by enemy action," he said.

The exercise culminated with the storming of a FIBUA



Left – The determination shows on the faces of these two Birmingham UOTC cadets. Acting as enemy, the contingent inflicted heavy casualties on attacking forces



Maj Gen Mike Regan and Brig Ronnie Silk

village where the Birmingham UOTC cadets, commanded by Maj Roger Machin, put up a spirited resistance, inflicting severe casualties on attacking brigade troops.

Wales and Western District was the first of the large Army districts to be formed, comprising three former smaller districts, North West, Western and Wales.

The District GOC, Maj Gen Michael Regan, said the district concentration would be intended as a suitable aiming mark for all three brigades.

"After Options, my Territorial Army assets underwent major reorganisation.

"Two yeomanry regiments were merged and two air defence regiments were scaled down under the changes. In addition, 11 infantry battalions were reduced to nine with each further reduced from four or five rifle companies down to three each. Two signal regiments re-roled and another formed, as was an equipment support regiment."

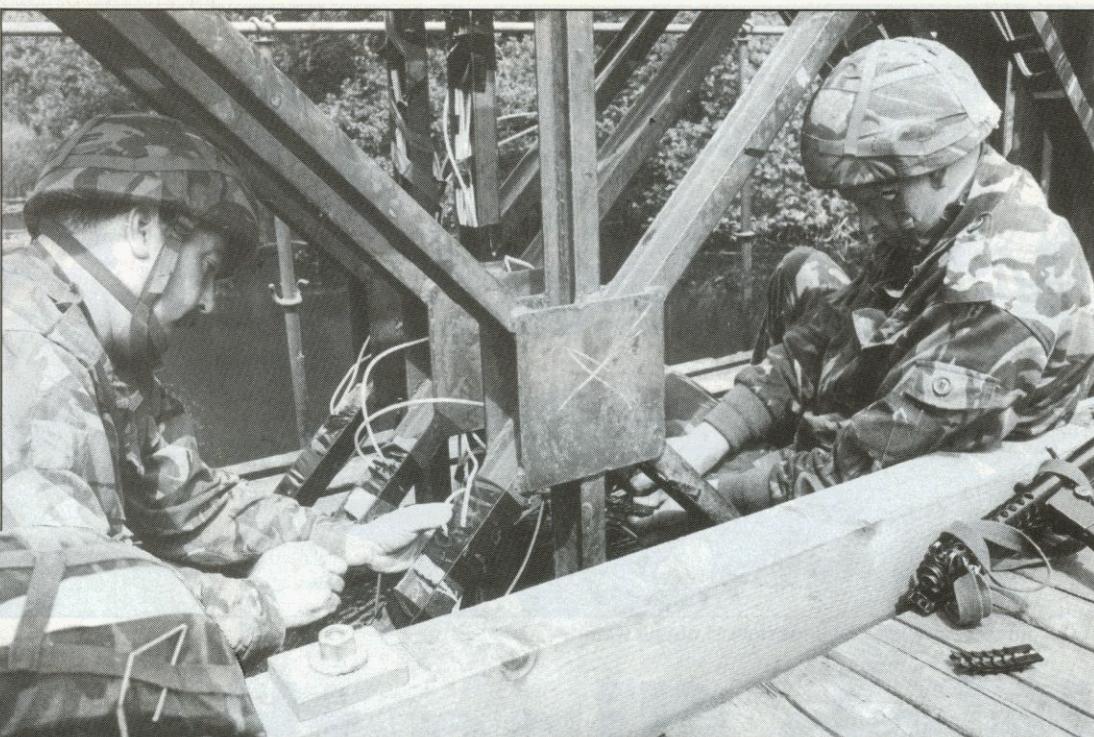
The Commander 143 (West Midlands) Brigade, Brig Ronnie Silk, explained that the TA is an "insurance policy" for national emergency and gener-



Two medium recce Land Rovers of The Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry

al war. "It is a very flexible and low-cost general reserve which adds an important dimension to the Army's capability," he said. "With a much smaller Regular Army, a well-motivated flexible general reserve forms an essential part of the Army's order of battle."

Currently, Britain's Territo-



Above – Cpl Pat McKeown of 107 Field Squadron RE and 2nd Lt Richard Lewis, Wales UOTC set charges on a bridge

that he is considering carrying out a trial next year to use the TA in a peace-keeping role.

Supporting this view, Gen Regan said: "There is no doubt that if the TA of the future is going to keep attracting the right people, they must feel personally that they are relevant in today's defence climate.

"I believe they also must be flexible and can-

not afford to be seen as soldiers who can only be used in time of national emergency. They have a role to play in helping with the day-to-day peacetime operational commitments.

"In continuing low-threshold UN operations like Cyprus, which are reasonably safe and a burden on the Regu-

lar Army, TA soldiers could form a composite company to go out and assist this type of operation.

"My district has been asked to look at this possibility and Brig Ronnie Silk has been focusing in on the subject. He is reasonably confident that we could find a company's-worth of soldiers from within his brigade alone to do such a job."

The TA is excited by the prospect, which would require changes in current legislation.

Gen Regan told SOLDIER that he had been impressed by the devotion of the TA soldiers.

"Until I took up my present post, I had never been associated with the TA. I have been amazed by the Volunteer ethos. How these chaps manage to run a full-time job, a family and give as much time to the TA never ceases to amaze me."

"It is very difficult to tell them apart from Regulars. There is a great reservoir of talent waiting to be tapped."



It's a tense moment for this soldier when he prepares to break cover



LCpl Jimmy Callaghan teaches how to obtain water



Cpl Michael Ronan assists the police in making a documents check

When Capt Duggie Chalmers of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment, heard a Khmer Rouge battery of rockets was aimed at him in north-west Cambodia, he prepared for the worst.

He was quite relieved when the earth did not move for him. Apparently a UN observer had reported seeing two 107mm rockets pointing generally in the government forces' direction and linked to an old car battery. The story had got better in the telling!

After six months with the United Nations Observer Force in Cambodia - half spent with a Spetsnaz member and the other half with an Australian SAS member - he is quite used to the heat in Cyprus, where he is now based with his battalion, and will be happy if he never sees rice again!



# Irish fling themselves (and others) into merger

CAPT Rupert Maitland-Titterton left dinner early after commemorating the Battle of Waterloo with the 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment in Cyprus.

He was thrown out of the window.

But he was in good company. The British High Commissioner was flung out to, as were the Commander British Forces, his chief of staff and sundry other visitors who had been called upon to conduct their regimental marches.

The honoured guests had not necessarily performed badly before making their precipitate departures. It rested entirely on the whim of the then commanding officer, Lt Col Tony Potter, who does not quite know how the tradition of ignominious exits started, though he was there with the 2nd Battalion in 1974 when it all began.

"Most people take it in very good humour, in fact some are extremely disappointed if they are not flung out," he said.

As equerry to the Duke of York, Capt Maitland-Titterton of the 9th/12th Lancers was fair game. The Duke, who was visiting the regiment as its Colonel-in-Chief, was not thrown out.

The CO, who is well-known for his sense of fun, led from the front. But to do that, he

sometimes had to lead from the back...

He laid great store by his Rangers' fitness, and once a week the whole battalion paraded for Exercise Friday Frolic. The CO trotted off, and after a short pause the battalion chased after him. Those who

have not passed him by the end of the five-mile run could expect remedial PT.

They had little excuse if they did not manage. On Monday mornings the battalion carried out battle PT, and the next three mornings were devoted to leg and stamina work on a

company basis.

Fitness is still important even though many of the guards and duties which have to be carried out are fairly static. Having left armoured vehicles behind with their previous role as demonstration battalion at the former School of Infantry at Warminster, they are very conscious that they are foot soldiers, required to slog it over the ground, carrying heavy loads, and fight at the end of it.

Extra wheels are now available following the return to Britain of B Squadron, The Queen's Royal Hussars. Their Ferrets remain, to be operated by the Rangers until Saxon arrives in theatre.

The tour has not been an endless cycle of sun, sea, sand and brandy sours. The pressures are just as great as anywhere else in a non-operational situation, said Lt Col Potter, who described the months leading up to the merger with the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment, as being "the most amazingly turbulent period in 24 years' service".

Before the merger he handed over command to Lt Col Ewing Grimshaw, previously CO 2 R Irish, and took up an appointment in MoD.

Half 1 R Irish has been in the Falklands, but those remaining had the same number of duties.

## Puzzle solved!

WHEN the 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment decided to celebrate the Battle of Waterloo in style, it turned to its Clothing Colour Sergeant to create two period uniforms of the Inniskilling Fusiliers.

With the help of a jigsaw puzzle picture, CSgt Terry Evans established the original style, then obtained two red tunics, left behind by The Queen's Regiment.

The Northumbrian Fusiliers were able to provide the correct hockle, as worn by the King's company of the time, and acceptable trousers were provided by Number Seven dress. The shako presented a problem and had to be fashioned out of a normal service cap, he said.

The dogged bravery of 27th



CSgt Terry Evans

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers impressed both the French and Wellington at Waterloo, where they held the vital cross-roads in the centre of the British line against cavalry and cannon even after their flanking support fell back.

With half their number wounded and another 100 dead, the sergeants latterly commanded the companies, as they still do on Waterloo Day after the officers fall in for first parade and are immediately fallen out again.

In recognition of this, members of the Sergeants' Mess were invited to the commemorative dinner in the Officers' Mess with the Duke of York, at which two Rangers in the historic uniforms were a striking feature.



Cpl Gary Speers takes NBC training in the shade

Lt Col Tony Potter, equipped with "silly blue hat" had to be overtaken during the Friday run or it was extra PT on Monday

With one platoon based at Troodos, the remaining five had to split guards and duties, one platoon as patrol team, another on one hour's notice, and a third on three hours' notice.

"The patrol team does an eight-hour stint patrolling, as quick reaction force or main gate sentries," said Cpl Michael Ronan. He recently joined from the depot at Ballymena, where vehicle check points were the same in principle, but different in practice.

Given its proximity to the Middle East's hot spots, guard duty is given an extra edge by the plethora of Palestinian and fundamentalist terrorist groups in the region. Soldiers have

also taken part in anti-smuggling operations.

Soon an extra 350 men from 2 R Irish will arrive and the battalion will reform as the new 1st Battalion.

At the same time, the 100 soldiers for whom there is no place in the new battalion have to be posted, and 250 families have to be re-organised.

This disruption causes considerable pressure on an administrative staff depleted by phase two redundancies. Half the orderly room staff, including the chief clerk, sergeant clerk and all the document clerks, left at a time when

they were needed most, and MT was also severely pared with the MTO, MTWO, MT sergeant, two corporals and three drivers leaving.

Hard decisions had to be made on seemingly intractable differences to which there is no easy solution. The 1st Battalion's ethos is of heavy red-coated infantry of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, while the 2nd Battalion keep the light infantry traditions of the Royal Ulster Rifles, and do things slightly differently.

For 2 R Irish the bugles have

precedence over the pipes, while for 1 R Irish the pipe major holds the senior appointment. Company colours also present a problem, the 2nd Battalion retaining its glider-borne traditions of the early 1940s, while the 1st Battalion has different colours.

But these are internal family matters. Lt Col Potter went to the 1st Battalion after 13 years in the 2nd, and he felt it was a bit like going to stay with a cousin.

Exciting times lie ahead. A company is scheduled to visit Jordan, and later in the year a tri-Service tri-national exercise is planned in Kuwait, while in spring the Rangers are due to exercise in Italy with Alpini units.

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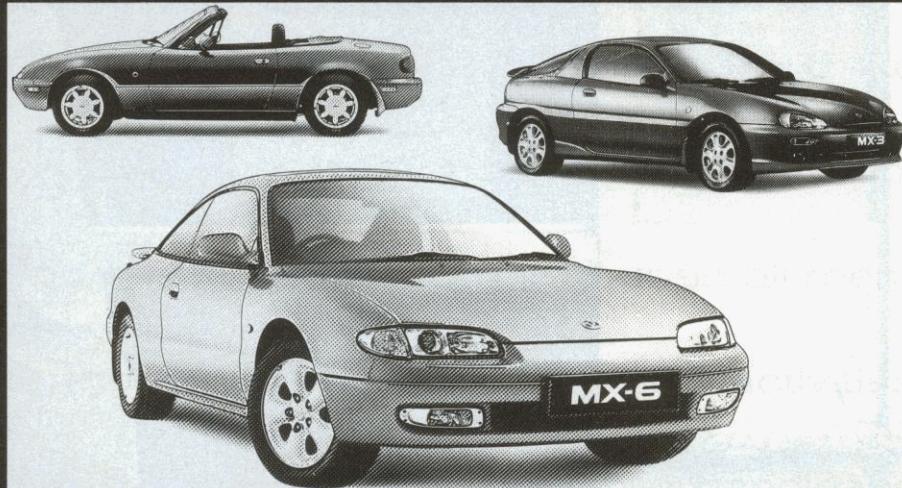
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# Airmen cycle to Leigh-Anne's aid

**SOLDIERS** of 657 Squadron Army Air Corps at Dishforth have raised £4,000 to help a Middlesbrough girl who lost her legs in a car crash.

Nine-year-old Leigh-Anne Johns was involved in an accident which killed two of her friends last Easter, and an appeal was immediately set up.

The money was raised by the squadron through a variety of sponsored events, including a cycle ride by four squadron members from John O'Groats to Land's End.

A cheque for £4,000 was presented to Councillor Wendy Cozens, appeal co-

ordinator, by Maj Neil Moss, Capt Steve Langton and WO2 Peter Minto during 657 Squadron's 50th anniversary weekend.

Maj Helen James, commander of 95 (Shropshire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron TA, presented a cheque for a Pulseoximeter and three colour televisions to the Children's Ward of the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

The fund-raising, which was organised by SSgt Chris Hymas, involved members of the squadron taking part in a

sponsored relay race from their Sundorne Road Centre to Newcastle.

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The Wives' Club of 28 Engineer Regiment based at Hameln, raised DM3,000 (£1,171) for a bowel transplant operation for a small girl, Stacey Mason, following various events including a sponsored slim by seven wives and two soldiers, who together shed 39kg.

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The Physically and Mentally Handicapped Youngsters'



LCpl Adrian Green of the Royal Engineers parachute display team made his first display jump at Cleethorpes by dropping in on five Bosnian children and underprivileged children from Hale, who were being hosted by soldiers from the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire

Holiday Association asks any units near the Limburg area of the Dutch-German border, willing to entertain 16 youngsters and 20 helpers in July 1994 to contact Pat and Gordon Clamp, 20 Nelson Road, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1RE.

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Cpl Tilakman Pun of the 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (Sirmoor Rifles) hopes to raise £1,000 for St Dunstan's as part of its dragon boat team in the Southern Dragon Boat Challenge.

Cpl Pun is undergoing rehabilitation training in Brighton before returning to Nepal, where he hopes to pass on the skills he learned at St Dunstan's Training and Rehabilitation Centre for men and women blinded in the Services.



Cpts Charles Mayo, Pete Rafferty, Nick Moody and Simon Dowley of the BMATT Zimbabwe/Mozambique Training Team, plus a Botswanan and Italian, were part of a 15-man squad which drew an amazing quarter of a million people to welcome them after their charity run from Mutare, Zimbabwe, to Beira, Mozambique, to raise £6,000 for children's projects in both towns, as reported on July 26

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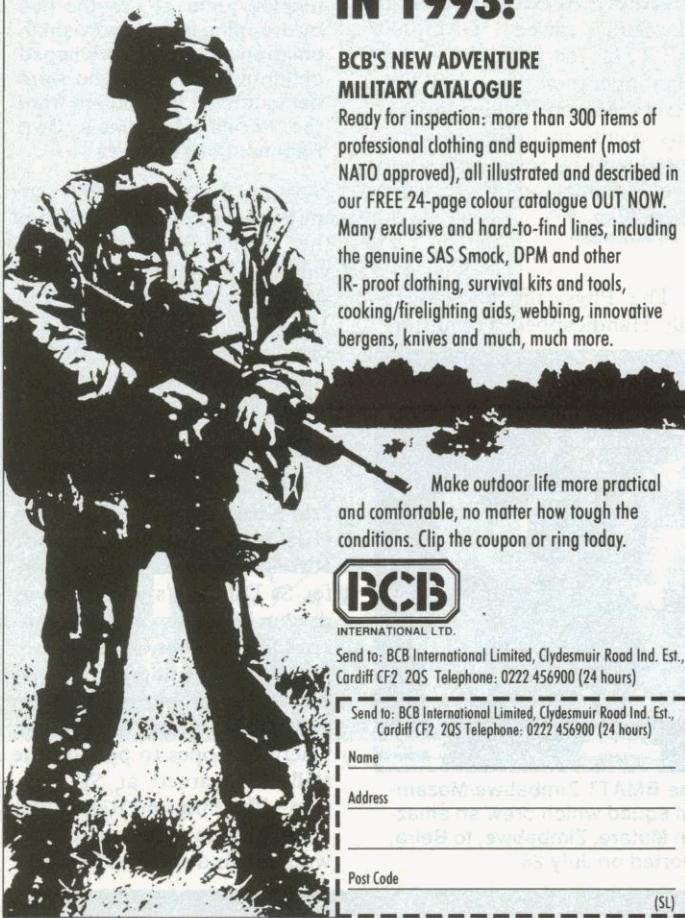
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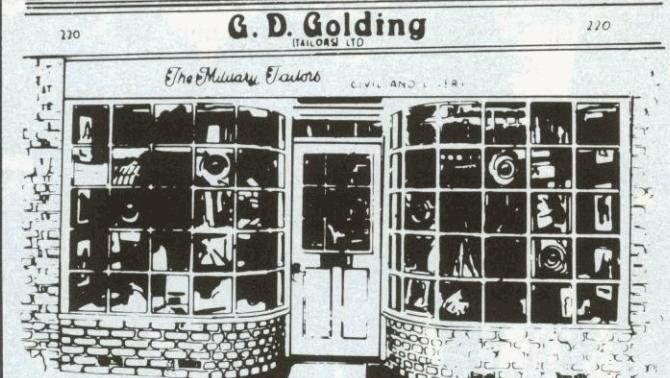
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● From **Julia Ross**, Staff Officer (Resettlement) at SSAFA

I READ with interest in SOLDIER Vol 49/17, SSgt Rod Harpham's experiences of leaving the Army and the Director of Resettlement's response. During Options for Change it is obvious that MoD, quite rightly, has spent a great deal of time and money improving the whole resettlement system for Service personnel.

However, as SSgt Harpham mentioned, "the period of readjustment is also stressful for the whole family", and this is a point we must not forget.

Over the past year SSAFA has been supporting MoD's initiatives by running resettlement courses, specifically designed for wives from all three Services, at our Central Office in London.

The courses are aimed primarily at wives who will then use this knowledge to help others in their local communities, via HIVEs,

wives' clubs or indeed any other method.

The syllabus covers a variety of subjects including the in-Service resettlement process, DSS benefits, Service benefits on discharge, housing and employment, and specifically – wives returning to work. We also cover the emotional turmoil associated with leaving the protected Service environment, in a bid to make wives aware of the problems that can arise.

In 1994 we are planning to hold several courses at Central Office, and hope to hold similar courses in Germany and the other overseas commands.

In addition to the courses, as the Resettlement Adviser I am available to visit any group of wives and hold informal presentations and discussions on the problems of resettlement. I have already visited several Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and Army units and hope to visit many more.

Furthermore, SSAFA's Housing Advisory Service



### Midlands brigade settles in

Workshops and seminars to help Servicemen settle in Lincolnshire have been organised following a meeting of Forces Resettlement

Officers within 49 (East Midlands) Brigade and businesses through the county Training and Enterprise Council. Pictured at the launch of the Lincolnshire resettlement programme are (left to right) Mr Brian Mitchell, TEC Operations Director; Maj Oliver Hackett, representing 49 (East Midlands) Brigade; and Sqn Ldr Richard Winterton, from RAF Coningsby. Events will be published through the normal chain of command

has a centralised computer data base of letting agencies and some low-cost home ownership schemes. We can advise and direct clients on where they may find housing, and already we have dealt with more than 1,000 enquiries from families who have experienced problems finding accommodation after married quarters.

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We also have a special scheme with the Birmingham Midshires Building Society, which not only includes a preferential mortgage rate and a special savings account, but also offers the opportunity for the rent on a property to be deducted from the deposit, if it is purchased within a year.

Service personnel who face the transition into civil-

ian life can rest assured that they have access to some of the best resettlement advice. The Director of Resettlement indicated that the Army will do all it can to help everyone make a successful move into a second career.

I would like to reiterate that SSAFA also has a great deal of experience and information to offer Service families, and we will do our very best to support the MoD in their endeavour.

## NATIONAL FRANCHISE SHOWCASE

FREE seminars on all aspects of going into business will be available at the Autumn National Franchise Exhibition in Birmingham next month.

The service, provided by the British Franchise Association, will complement a wide range of advice on tap from representatives of High Street banks, lawyers, and specialist franchise consultants.

Franchising, an industry estimated to be worth £4.5 billion in the UK, is said to

be one of the safest ways of going into business.

Almost 80 per cent of current franchisees trade at a profit, a statistic which should appeal to Service leavers anxious to find security in Civvy Street.

Among the 100 approved companies expected to take part in the exhibition will be well-known names such as McDonald's Restaurants, Wimpy International, Esso Petroleum and Prontaprint.

Visitors will also be able

to meet representatives from companies new to franchising in the UK, such as Berkertex Brides, Token Car Rental and an American introduction agency called Together Development Corporation.

McDonald's, exhibiting for the first time, will be offering opportunities across the country for people with proven business skills and entrepreneurial spirit.

A franchisee can either buy a new or existing

restaurant outright or start up through a business facilities lease, whereby McDonald's meets many of the setting-up and running costs during the first three years.

Berkertex Brides is embarking on a franchising expansion programme, with two new openings planned this year and up to eight in 1994.

Franchise manager Diane Weston said: "We look forward to meeting self-motivated, ambitious

people on our stand who have a genuine interest in retailing."

The exhibition is at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre from October 8-10. Discounted admission tickets (£8 single, £12 for two) and a free visitor information pack are available in advance from Blenheim Events, Blenheim House, 30 Chiswick High Road, London W4 5BG.

Alternatively, call the Franchise Hotline on 0494 813846.

# Italy Campaign kit was 'clapped-out'

THE provocative and inaccurate letter from F McLellan (August 23) concerning quality of the German opposition met in the Italian Campaign by the D-Day Dodgers requires an immediate answer.

We, too, met SS P2 troops in Italy. They were known to us as "Dopeys", which is self-explanatory.

Their claim to fame was the massacre of defenceless Italian civilians (Civitella and San Pancrazio, all recorded). We thought they were rather ordinary when at the sharp end.

Mr McLellan quotes Max Hastings as the authority for the quality of the troops facing

## NOT QUITE UNIQUE

I READ with interest about the formation of The London Regiment (August 23).

However, I must take you to task over its being "unique in being the only unit to retain four regimental badges".

The Royal Yeomanry has until April 1 this year paraded six cap badges and no fewer than five Guidons since its formation in 1967.

The badges are A (Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry) Sqn, B (Leicestershire and Derbyshire

the British and Allied forces in Italy.

But I can quote the Chief of Staff in Italy, Gen (later Fd Marshal) Harding: "The German Paras were the best fighting formation in the world at that time."

There were two corps of Paras facing the Eighth Army, plus three corps of Panzer Grenadiers (who we thought on a par with the Paras), the Hermann Goering Regiment, the Bavarian Mountain Troops, the Hoch and Deutschmeister Infantry Regiment and the Alpine Division. Hardly "line troops".

Our infantry battalions were at a maximum strength of three under-strength companies. There were no replacements. We even had air force and naval reserves coming to help fill the gaps.

We D-Day Dodgers fully appreciate the bravery and skill of those who landed in Normandy.

Please accept that we, too, did our bit. — John Clarke, The Monte Cassino Veterans Association (The Impossible Victory), Manchester.

WE WERE not dodging anything or anyone in Italy, Mr McLellan — but we did fight some battle-seasoned troops.

Those 25 divisions we tied down could have been in France, making 84 divisions in all — and making your task harder still. — P Scudder, Dartford, Kent.

## BANGERS FOR THE GUNNERS

YOU HAVE to laugh when you're over 70 and read about the Geordie Gunners — all fine lads, no doubt — needing a multi-gym in each training centre (August 23).

I was a 6in coastal gunner from 1941-44. Our shells weighed, if I remember correctly, 98.4lb, had no handles and were very shiny. We had to try to load 18 per minute during training.

Our training consisted of half-an-hour's PT daily and long runs — plus bangers and mash. — A J Jewell, Morden, Surrey.

## BIRD'S EYE-VIEW



• Mont Blanc expedition — see Page 19

## LATEST SCORE: 43 not out

FOLLOWING Capt Tony Jewell's claim to be the last serving National Serviceman (39 years) and SSgt D S Burton's counter-claim (42 years) may I put forward my own case of almost 43 years.

I was called up into the RAPC on November 16, 1950 (Army Number 22434846) as a NSM and am still serving without a break, now as an RO3.

All attempts to escape over the years have been foiled by my captors — with only a few exceptions who seemed desperate to get rid of me! — Maj (RO3) C M Steggles, Controller Airborne Forces Security Fund, Aldershot.

## 44 not out . . .

GET SOME IN! My Army number is 22106083, demob group 50/3 R Sigs, National Service from February 3, 1949 to August 3, 1950 (including dock strike July 1949).

TA continuously ever since — 43 TA camps, 41 years in the WOs' and Sgts' Mess, 28 years mess treasurer.

Re-badged from R Sigs SSgt Chief Clerk to RAPC Sgt January 1977, attached 6/7 Queens, now 6/7 PWRR, BEM January 1, 1980. I have 44 years of SOLDIER Magazines in the loft.

Can I be the only SNCO still serving who lined the route for the King's funeral? — Sgt David Le Febvre BEM AG Corps (SPS), Crawley, W Sussex.

## Future of the tournament

AS A follower of the Royal Tournament for the past 15 years I would like to know why there is doubt about its future (August 23).

All the events are sponsored, the Service personnel receive their normal pay and the tournament is always well supported. — F J Kavanagh, Sittingbourne, Kent.

## Vital role of sappers

I AM writing from Bosnia where I have been serving with 1st Field Squadron GP for the past 4½ months. I wondered why your portrait of the Royal Engineers (August 23) gives such a poor impression of us to the rest of the Army.

We have built 50km of road on route Triangle to Prozor and are maintaining route Diamond to Vitez.

Without the constant maintenance by sapper plant operators and various field sections the whole point of supporting the United Nations would be completely useless, as without the supply routes there would be no UN aid convoys to protect and no need for the "high

profile" infantry. — LCpl C D Stone, Tomislavgrad Plant Section, 1 Fd Sqn GP, 21 Engr Regt, BFPO 544.

• Eleven of the past 19 issues of SOLDIER have contained features, photographs or brief items on the Royal Engineers in Bosnia. They include a major feature in December 1992 on elements of 35 Engr Regt (part of the Grapple 1 deployment) at work on route Triangle, and, more recently, a report on the work of sapper units at Vitez, Tuzla and Gornji Vakuf.

Laurie Manton's report (August 23) reflected the work of the northern element of 1 Fd Sqn (he and photographer Mike Weston also crammed in the PWO, Light Dra-

goons, loggers, drivers, REME and others during a non-stop ten-day programme). It did not in any way trivialise the vital work of the Royal Engineers in Bosnia.

Plans are already afoot to feature the sappers now working flat out to prepare the MSR for the winter. — Editor

## Who recalls this Rolls?

HAS ANY reader recollection of a Rolls Royce staff car taking part in the Second World War Tripoli Victory Parade?

In the course of research for my forthcoming book, *Cars of the Commanders*, details of numerous Rolls Royce cars that saw military service are being received.

The latest of these is a 1928 Phantom I which, it seems, was impressed as a staff car after being used as the transport of the Governor of Tanganyika.

It is believed to have been in use during the Libyan campaign and to have suffered battle damage, but this has yet to be confirmed.

The car has survived and after a long career in Africa, America and England, is now owned in Bishop Stortford, Hertfordshire.

Any information about its wartime service as a staff car would be greatly appreciated. — Brian Jewell, The War Room, 30 Park Parade, Harrogate HG1 5AG.

## PRIDE AND SADNESS

IT WAS with pride and sadness that I read your July 26 feature on the amalgamation of the 16th/5th and 17th/21st Lancers to form The Queen's Royal Lancers.

I served with C Squadron 17th/21st Lancers at the time of its bicentenary in July 1959 and took part in the parade in

## Medal puzzle

I AM puzzled after reading the letter from James W Jacobs (August 9) regarding the wearing of foreign medals.

How can the Prince of Wales be eligible to wear the Canadian Forces Decoration, which can be obtained only after 12 years' service? — D G Marriott, Birkenhead.

which we were presented with the Guidon by Fd Marshal Sir Gerald Templar.

This parade was the first time since mechanisation that a whole regiment carried lances. My troop leader was Lt (now Lt Gen Sir) Richard Swinburn. I still have my copy of SOLDIER which carried this feature.

I am pleased that the new regiment is retaining the skull and crossbones "motto" to carry on Gen Wolfe's memorial.

If any "Old Tot" has a copy of the LP music which was recorded in the gym in 1959, I would be delighted to obtain a copy on tape. — Norman Quilliam (ex-Tpr), Douglas, Isle of Man.



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## Badges and backings

SO GREAT has been the demand for a book on Army badge backings and embellishments that a third print has been ordered – which is good news for The Ulster Defence Regiment Benevolent Fund.

About 6,000 copies of the 307-page paperback\* have so far been snapped up by collectors, ensuring a healthy cheque for the UDRBF.

Badge backings fall into four categories – inserts, outlines, patches and tartans – and the first on record was probably the yellow oblong worn on their helmets by the 26th Foot (Camerons) in Abyssinia in 1868.

The fashion took hold during the South African War 30 years later and was firmly rooted by the outbreak of the Great War.

These, and probably every other fact you are ever likely to need about badge backing and special embellishments (or "tribal items"!), are contained in the book, which is published by The Ulster Defence Regiment Benevolent Fund to raise money for its work.

\**Badge Backings and Special Embellishments of the British Army* is available from RHQ, The Royal Irish Regiment, St Patrick's Barracks, BFPO 808, price £10.95 plus £1.50 p&p (UK only). Cheques payable to The UDR Benevolent Fund. Postal rates outside UK: BFPO Europe £1.95; outside Europe £1.50; worldwide surface £2.32. Airmail: USA, Canada, S Africa £5.98; Australia, NZ £6.69. Non-sterling cheques: add £1 bank fee.



**Sarah meets Gladys:** TV and radio star Sarah Kennedy tries out the kit in the back of Gladys, an Army truck which broadcast from the Second World War front line in Italy. Sarah was one of many past and present Forces radio personalities attending the opening of "Battledress Broadcasters", an exhibition running until November 23 at the National Army Museum, Chelsea, to mark the 50th anniversary of the British Forces Broadcasting Service

£4m development plan.

Former members of the corps and its admirers are being asked to send donations to the Appeal Manager, Royal Marines Museum, Southsea, Hants PO4 9PX.

First visible sign of the plan is the imposing statue of The Yomper which stands at the new seafront entrance to the museum.

## Marines' appeal

AMBITIOUS plans to enlarge the exhibition halls and extend the range of displays at the Royal Marines Museum on the seafront at Eastney, Portsmouth are part of the next phase of an ambitious

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## SOLDIER to Soldier

### Japanese apology

NEW JAPANESE Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa has made a formal apology for Japan's wartime atrocities.

In his first policy speech to parliament in Tokyo on August 23, he said: "I would thus like to take this opportunity to express anew our profound remorse and apologies for the fact that past Japanese actions, including aggression and colonial rule, caused unbearable suffering and sorrow for so many people."

Mr Hosokawa said Japan would contribute "more than ever to world peace".

He made no offer of compensation.

## COLDSTREAM CLEARS ITS DEBTS!



Among the final ceremonial duties carried out by the 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards before it goes into suspended animation in December was the traditional debtors' call, a beating once anxiously listened for by civilian tradesmen keen to have accounts settled before a battalion moved.

Pictured left (left to right) are the Adjutant Capt Harry Bucknall, Paymaster's representative WO2 (SQMS) Ian Davies (AGC) and former Drum Major and now Quartermaster Capt Mike Hall as they "settle up" with Haley Heffernan, manageress of a Chelsea pub. Capt Hall said: "Last time we played All Debtors Paid was in Windsor in 1977 when we had to send the Provost staff out to run up some bills!"

Many of the guardsmen will join the 1st Battalion in Münster before preparing for a tour in Bosnia.

Also pictured (above) is the St James's Palace Detachment of the Queen's Guard, commanded by Lt Col Anthony Biggs, CO 2 Coldstream Guards, leaving Buckingham Palace for the last time.

## DIARY

**UNTIL October 15:** Forces Sweethearts exhibition, Imperial War Museum.

**UNTIL November 23:** "Battledress Broadcasters" exhibition, National Army Museum.

### SEPTEMBER

**17-18:** Services Weekend, Weymouth, including Freedom parades by 22 Engr Regt and 4 D and D, and concert by RE band.

### OCTOBER

**3:** Aldershot Militaria Society's 1993 exhibition and fair, The Maltings, Farnham.

**16:** Friends of the Gordon Highlanders parade, rally and fun day, Aberdeen.

### NOVEMBER

**4-6:** BAOR Arts and Crafts Society exhibition, Ripon Hall, Bielefeld.

**13-14:** Salisbury Military Society annual exhibition, Red Lion Hotel, Milford Street, Salisbury.

**14:** Remembrance Day service and parade at the Cenotaph.

### DECEMBER

**8:** First SSAFA Central London Christmas carol concert at Royal Military Chapel (The Guards' Chapel), Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London, 7.30pm. Tickets: 081-673 7280, 081-539 4114 or 071-735 1597.

● To include public events in this diary contact the Editor.

## APPOINTMENTS

**Brigadiers** – M G Douglas-Withers – To MoD, Aug 16; M R Healey RA – To HQ UKLF, Aug 16; N J H Hinton 2 GR – To be CO 6 GR, Aug 23; R G Howard AGC(SPS) – To MoD, Aug 16; C R Langton IG – To BLO Appt USA, Aug 16; A W H H Macleod RE – To be CO 38 Engr Regt, Aug 23; M F N Mans RE – To be CO 21 Engr Regt, Aug 23; C J Martindill AGC(ETS) – To be Comd AES Cyprus, Aug 27; A D Morris REME – To MoD, Aug 19; J A Sheldon QLR – To HQ AFCENT (Staff), Aug 16; P R Wilkinson RA – To MoD, Aug 16.

**RETIREMENTS**  
Brigadier – P Jones, late RA, Aug 17.  
**Colonels** – M P Walker, late Int Corps, Aug 23; R E W Walsh, late RA, Aug 18.

## REUNIONS

### ● 209 Support Workshops

**REME(V):** The 11th annual reunion dinner/dance will be held at the Wilmslow Moat House Hotel on September 25. Details from Ray Patterson, 1 Handon Grove, Sale, Cheshire M33 1TT.

**● Duke of Wellington's Regiment Old Comrades:** Annual dinner and dance takes place at Pennine Hilton, Huddersfield on October 9. Details from HQ, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding), Wellesley Park, Halifax, W Yorks HX2 0BA.

### ● Friends of the Gordon Highlanders:

Parade, rally and fun day (by courtesy of civic authorities), Aberdeen, October 16. All friends of the Gordon Highlanders invited. Details from PRO, Friends of the Gordon Highlanders, Viewfield Road, Aberdeen AB1 7XH. Civil network 0224 313387, or 03398 83461.

### ● Eighth Army Veterans' Association:

Annual reunion will be held at the Empress Ballroom, Winter Gardens Complex, Blackpool, on October 23. Details from George Worthington, 55 Travis Street, Hyde, Cheshire SK14 1PA (tel: 061-368 6368).

### ● Seventh Battalion, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment (TA):

Annual reunion at The Armoury, Stockport on October 30. Past and present members of 3rd, 4th and 7th Battalions and A Coy, The

Mercian Volunteers, welcome. Tickets (£4) from the Secretary, 95 Hazelwood Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 4NB.

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**Coldstream Guards Drummers:** A reunion is being held in London on February 25, 1994 for past and present drummers of the regiment. Details from Maj (Retd) F P Horsfall MBE, Staff Superintendent, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW (tel: 071-219 3213).

## SEARCHLINE

● Stuart "Tommo" Tomkins would like to hear from any members, particularly Roger Lamb, Tich Johnson and Steve Fisher, of B Sqn, The Queen's Own Hussars, late 1960s to 1970s who served in Cyprus, Belfast, Germany, Canada and Mares Field, Sussex. Replies to 40 Tasley Close, Bridgnorth, Shropshire WV16 4PF.

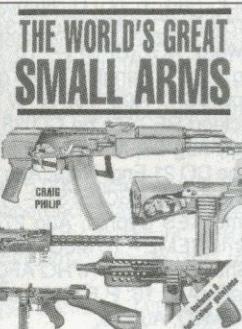
● Ex-Dvr (Air Despatcher) J Cox wishes to contact RASC personnel who were with 47 Coy RASC (Air Despatch), Watchfield, Wilts Aug-Nov 1952 and served with 3 Coy GT RASC, Johore-Ipoh, Malaya 1952-54, and 55 Coy AD RASC Malaya 1953-54, sailing out in Empire Trooper and back in Empire Fowey. Replies to 7 Northbank, Coventry Road, Market Harborough, Leicester LE16 9BT.

## 26 Engr Regt mess property

DUE TO the disbandment of 26 Engineer Regiment, members of the Officers', WOs' and Sgts' and Cpls' Messes are trying to trace people or families who presented items of property. So that items

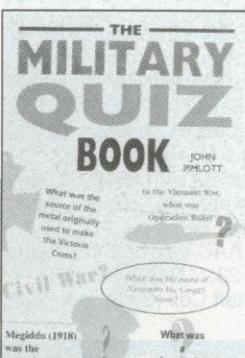
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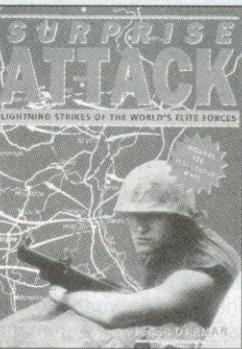
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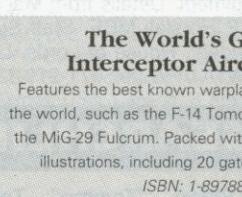
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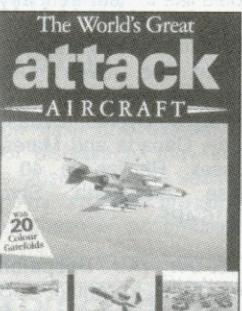
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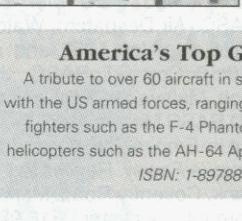
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# History of the Havercake Lads

IT IS always gratifying to read a really detailed regimental history. The latest to follow this tradition is *The History of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)*, claimed to be the first comprehensive account of the regiment whose lineage goes back more than 290 years.

The authors of this extensive work are well qualified for their task: Maj John Brereton already has four regimental histories to his credit, and Maj Tony Savory served with the Dukes from 1938 until his retirement in 1959 and has been editor of the *Iron Duke* journal since 1982.

The regiment is one of the very few in the British Army not to have undergone change through disbandment or amalgamation since the reorganisation of the infantry in 1881 when the 33rd and 76th Regiments of Foot were merged.

The 33rd Regiment was raised on February 12, 1702 at the outbreak of the War of Spanish Succession by George Hastings, Earl of Huntingdon.

After a brief period of suspended animation the 33rd was re-raised in 1715 for service in the War of Austrian Succession, later followed by action in the Seven Years War.

The 33rd was formally linked in 1782 with the West Riding of Yorkshire where it had an established connection. It was while recruiting in York-

shire that the nickname "The Havercake Lads" was earned, derived from the practice of recruiting sergeants carrying on the points of their drawn swords oatcakes of a West Riding recipe. The "Havercake" was particularly associated with the village of Sowerby Bridge.

The second component of the Duke's, the 76th Regiment of Foot, was raised in 1787 for service in India where it distinguished itself in wars against the Mahrattas, which led to the capture of Delhi and Agra. It was through its Indian service the 76th earned the elephant and the honour "HINDOOSTAN" for its badge.

Wellington, whose name the regiment carries, was connected with both the 33rd and 76th Regiments. In 1787, Lieut the Hon Arthur Wesley (as the future Duke then spelt his name) had a short stay with the 76th before transferring to the 41st Foot (Welch Regiment).

In 1793 the Hon Arthur Wesley, then captain, purchased a majority in the 33rd from Maj Ralph Gore.

Five years later, but still only 24 years old, he purchased the lieutenant colonelcy from John Yorke. "He had advanced from ensign to lieutenant colonel in six years and served in seven different regiments."

In 1802 Wellesley (for such was his new name) was promoted to major general and



Men of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment take a break in Korea in 1953 while waiting for dusk to fall before joining a patrol into no man's land at the Hook

had to give up command of the 33rd. However, he never ceased to maintain a lively interest in the regiment and became its Colonel. It was not officially known as The Duke of Wellington's until June 18, 1853, after the Duke's death and on the 38th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

The merger of the two regiments came in 1881.

During the First World War 14 out of 21 battalions of the Duke's saw service in France and Flanders, Gallipoli and Italy. Five of their members gained the Victoria Cross and the Regiment was granted no fewer than 72 battle honours.

The most decorated private of the First World War was Henry Tandy, who was awarded the VC, DCM and MM.

In the Second World War various battalions of the regiment took part in the campaigns of Dunkirk, North West Europe, North Africa, Italy and Burma.

Since 1945 the 1st Battalion has been in action in Korea, formed part of the UN Force in Cyprus, trained in all parts of the world and has had eight tours of duty in Northern Ire-

## Chinese find re-writes history

IT IS A strange irony that the most significant revisions in the fourth edition of one of the world's great reference works on military history were prompted not so much by recent conflicts but more by weaponry used by the Chinese more than 2,000 years ago.

In the late 1980s the distinguished American military historian Col Trevor N Dupuy visited the excavation site of the famous life-size terra-cotta soldiers of Emperor Shih Huang Ti, founder of China's Ch'in Dynasty in 222 BC.

He was suddenly struck by something he already knew but had never previously thought

about – that Chinese armies were making effective use of sophisticated crossbows a millennium before the weapons played a significant part in Western warfare.

This led him to change substantially the early chapters of *The Collins Encyclopedia of Military History*, the first edition of which he had completed with his father 22 years ago.

While he was about it was decided to embark on a comprehensive revision of the work, resulting in the latest mammoth edition covering the years 3,500 BC to 1991.

He finished the revision too

soon to include the exact location, north of Osnabrück, of the Battle of the Teutoberger Forest in AD 9 – discovered by an RAMC officer.

And the news that another Chinese terra-cotta army – of women on horseback wearing wooden armour and carrying swords – had been found in 1990 (but kept under wraps until now) came just as the new volume was being published.

Life is like that, sometimes.

The volume's 1,654 pages, with more than 250 maps and illustrations, contain an endlessly enthralling catalogue and chronicle of combat and the military arts, from Paleolithic skirmishes over food, women

or land to the 1990-91 Gulf War (the length of which, as a TV commentator, Col Dupuy predicted to the day).

Alphabetically, its cast of millions range from Abbas the Great of Persia to the Zulus; its locations from Abyssinia to the Zuyder Zee.

A word of warning: It's the sort of book you can't put down, which could result in severe physical fatigue. It weighs six pounds. – CH

**Collins Encyclopedia of Military History (Fourth Edition)** by R Ernest Dupuy and Trevor N Dupuy. HarperCollins, hardback, £40.

LIKE many others who have written of their experiences in the Second World War, Bob Sheridan tells a good story.

He is a descriptive writer with a keen memory and eye for detail which gives his autobiography *What Did You Do in the War, Dad?* an edge over many similar books.

An officer in the Royal Ulster Rifles and the 6th Airborne Division, who took part in the D-Day landings, his recollections are crammed with

land. All this and much more is related in this book which includes good descriptions of dress, accoutrements and weapons used through the regiment's history. The proof reading is excellent, which is no mean achievement in a work of 446 pages.

If it is to be criticised at all it must be on the grounds of what seems to come through as political bias, which raises the question as to how far authors' opinions should be allowed to colour what is destined to be a standard reference.

Summing up the spirit of the Duke's is best expressed in the words of Gen Sir Charles Huxtable, written when he vacated the colonelcy in 1990. "We are not a smart, social regiment. We do not seek to be ever in the headlines. We do not pretend to have some special expertise.

"Indeed perhaps what makes us special is that we do not seek any of these things..." – BJ

**The History of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)** by J M Brereton and A C S Savory. Published by and available from The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding), Wellesley Park, Halifax, W Yorkshire HX2 0BA, casebound, £30 plus £4 postage and packing (£23 plus £4 to members and ex-members of the regiment). Cheques payable to "DWR Regimental Association".

## EYE FOR DETAIL GIVES THIS WAR STORY THE EDGE

meticulous observations such as the time he went to an RAF station for air training.

He describes the interior of a Nissen hut and its contents – six tables, three dirty teacups, a clipboard, numerous other items and a rolled-up umbrella . . . the list goes on.

Perhaps it is his eye for the little things that makes this one of the better "I was there" narratives.

While his own adventures

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# DETAIL

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make good reading, his hilarious account of how a fellow officer from 6th Airborne, on a training flight with the RAF over France, reads like a scene from a Laurel and Hardy film.

He had been dozing in the nosecone of the aircraft when he pulled the wrong lever and found himself floating on the end of his 'chute.

Believing he was in France, he followed his training instructions, hid his 'chute and made his way to a railway track and eventually a tunnel, where he hid for the best part of 24 hours.

After much discomfort he scrambled along the line until he reached a station, only to find he was in Haywards Heath, Sussex. His plan had been to make his way over the Pyrenees, across Spain to Gibraltar! Great reading. – JM

**What Did You Do in the War, Dad?** by Bob Sheridan. The Book Guild, £14.95.

# How to delve into the Army archives

ANYONE who has attempted to trace the service record of a deceased soldier will know the frustrations that can accompany such a task.

Researchers will therefore appreciate the guide to the subject published by the Public Record Office: *Army Records for Family Historians* by Simon Fowler, who has worked "behind the scenes" at the PRO helping to bring in new accessions from the Ministry of Defence.

For more than 200 years the British Army has kept detailed records of all the officers and men who have served in it; many of these records are now in the custody of the PRO.

Simon Fowler's guide is an introduction to these archives that span the era from the time of Elizabeth I to the Suez Crisis in 1956.

The most important records for tracing a man in the Army are described, as are some of the less-known documents which can be useful in fleshing out an ex-soldier's career.

The book also covers the available records concerned with foreign and colonial subjects who served with the British Army, medals and awards, courts martial, the Indian Army, and ancillary services.

In an appendix there are suggestions which will help when researching records held by institutions other than the PRO.

In the same series of guides is the recently published *Records of the Militia from 1757* by Garth Thomas.

The part-time components of the British Army have always been something of a mystery to

all but the more specialist historians and this book provides an introduction to the tangled web of the auxiliary forces: Militia, Volunteer Force, Yeomanry, Fencible Corps, Territorial and Home Guard.

Both these publications are slim but are packed with information and well worth the modest price. – BJ

**Public Record Office Readers' Guides Nos 2 and 3: Army Records for Family Historians** by Simon Fowler, paperback £4.75, and **Records of the Militia from 1757** by Garth Thomas, paperback £3.95. Published by and available from PRO Publications, Public Record Office, Chancery Lane WC2A 1LR (add £1.64 postage and packing for both titles).

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**Code Word CANLOAN** by Wilfred I Smith. Meticulously-researched story of a group of Canadian Army officers who volunteered to serve in the British Army in Europe between D-Day and VE-Day. Dundurn Press, hardback, £19.50. Available from Lavis Marketing, 73 Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford OX3 7AD.

## UNDERNEATH THE GLOSS

CLAIRE Gillman's *PARA – Inside the Parachute Regiment* has, at first glance, an arty, coffee-table look about it.

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The wife of a former Para officer, whom she met while researching the book, Ms Gillman has made good use of her "inside" opportunities.

Accompanied by photographer Simon Walker, her plan was to "find out exactly what makes the men of the elite Parachute Regiment tick".

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Ms Gillman also found that they are, like many other regiments and corps, highly-trained and motivated and extremely adaptable.

From her wanderings Ms Gillman has produced a colourful and informative book telling of the making of a Para and the regiment's place in today's Army. – JM

**PARA – Inside the Parachute Regiment** by Claire Gillman. Bloomsbury, £16.99.

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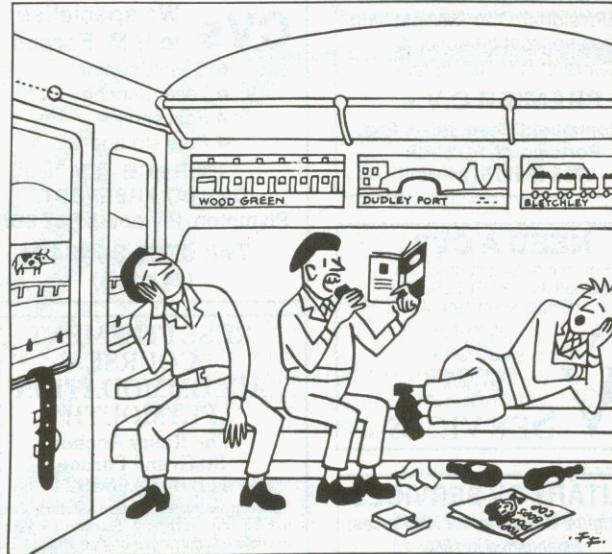
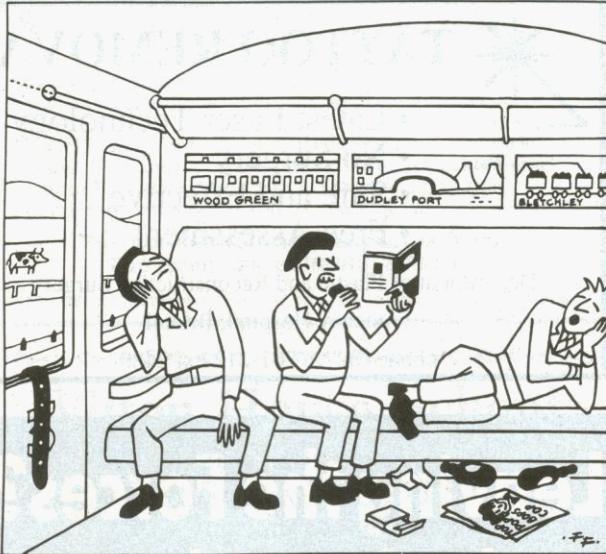
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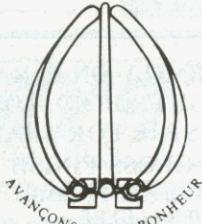
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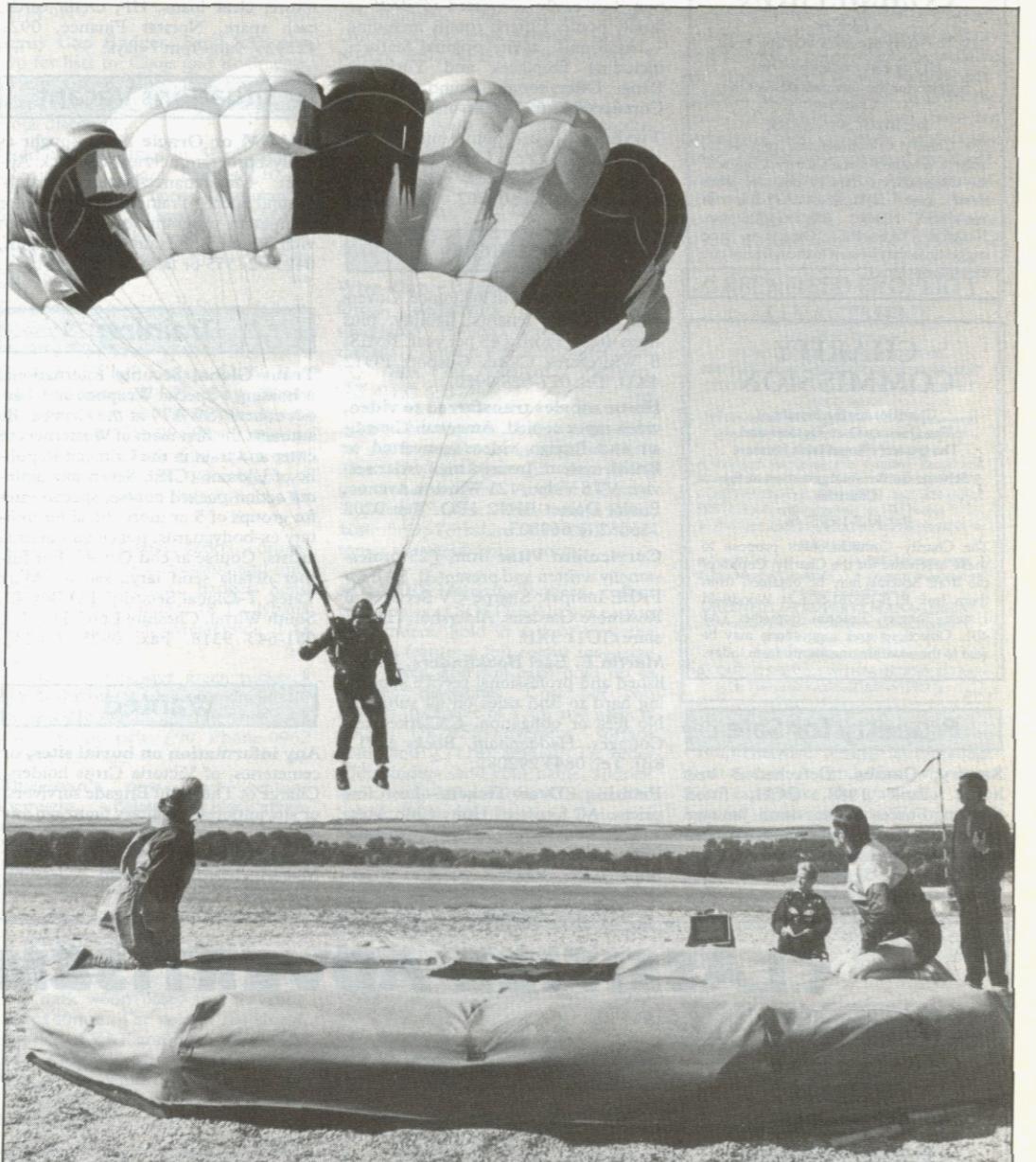
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# Simon glides to victory

LCPL Simon Green, a member of the Royal Signals team which won the Army Inter-Corps title at the 1993 British Forces Germany paragliding championships, also won the overall individual Joint Services title against stiff opposition from the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy.

The other members of the successful Signals team were Sgt Bob Hope and Cpl John Evans.

The championships, hosted by the BFG Regal Wings Paragliding Club in Bavaria



WO2 Dougie Young comes in to land in the Army championships accuracy event. He came third



The victorious AGC UK rounders team, captained and organised by LCpl Terri Bennett, a PTI serving at Ashford. Other team members include Capt Louise Mcateer, Cpl Carla Rayment, Cpl Ali Garven, Cpl Stephanie Geeson, Cpl 'Lofty' Mullet, Cpl Barwick, LCpl Beverley Bates and Pte Tracy Sheard

## Rounders entry disappoints

THERE was a disappointing response to the first Inter-Corps rounders championship. Staged at Aldershot. It attracted only four teams and was won by the AGC. RLC, who

were runners up, APTC and QARANC also entered teams.

The manager of the England rounders squad dropped in and noted the names of several players.

## Soccer stars

FOLLOWING the success of last year's Coca Cola/Football Association "Soccer Star" programme, part of the Berlin Garrison's summer youth activities programme, WO2 (QMSI) John Guy (APTC att 1 Gordons), and a squad of Army coaches put 43 youngsters through their paces at Stadium Barracks.

At the end of the week each participant was assessed by WO2 Guy under the FA's national certificate and badge scheme.

## George's swansong

WO1 George Cameron, who is about to leave the regiment after 22 years, won the Chairman's Trophy at the annual Scots Guards Association (Fife branch) golf match at Dunnikier Park Golf Club.



Red Devils' teams swept the boards in four-way sequential work. Top, LCpl Mark Bayada, LCpl Billy Bunting, Pte Spencer Tebbutt and Cpl Neil Wolfenden; kneeling, Pte Charlie Hartigan, Pte Jason Grime, Sgt Chris Allen and LCpl Dave Alexander

# Les on target for titles record

NATIONAL parachuting champion Sgt Les Carroll (RHA) has the Army championship record in his sights after winning the 1993 Army title at Netheravon in beautiful sunshine, writes Gordon Skilling.

Sgt Carroll has now won the championship six times and is hard on the heels of the record of seven wins set by Sgt Scotty Milne (Para) between 1974 and 1981. This year Sgt Carroll came first in the accuracy event – as expected – and second in the style category.

But he is being pressed by WO2 Dougie Young (Para) who was champion stylist. As this is the senior classic event, Young would have taken the overall championship had he managed second in the accuracy event, but Pte Dave Ballard (1 Para) ousted him to third place.

After being out of training for some time, WO2 Young has recently changed to a different canopy and is determined to knock Sgt Carroll off his perch.

Nobody came near to knocking the Red Devils' Black team off their perch. One of the two top teams in the country, their scores in the four-way sequential relative work were regularly twice and even three times those of the opposition.

In the intermediate section



Army champions: Sgt Les Carroll (left), overall winner and top in accuracy, with WO2 Dougie Young, runner up and top stylist

the Red Devils' Red team also held sway, and the fun event of the eight-way speed had them far ahead of the Netheravon instructors and the Royal Engineers.

The best weather for several years gave the skydivers a lift and allowed them to finish early, and for once they were able to lend one of their four available aircraft to another club.

Among the 81 participants was a serving husband-and-wife team – Capt Heidi Chit-



tenden of 1 KOSB and Capt Dave Tyler (RLC) – but the recession was obviously hitting the foreign teams as none was able to make the journey.

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### STYLE

Senior – 1, (Soldier Magazine Trophy) WO2 Young, Para; 2, Sgt Carroll RHA; 3, Pte Ballard, 1 Para.

Intermediate – 1, (Red Devils Cup) Bdr Fisk RA; 2, Lt Doherty, 22 Eng Regt; 3, Pte Capella, 20 Sqn RLC.

### SENIOR TEAM ACCURACY

1, (Parachute Regt Trophy) JSPC (N) A; 2, Golden Lions; 3, Silver Stars.

### FORMATION SKYDIVING

Senior four-way sequential – 1, (Army Sports Board Cup) Red Devils Black; 2, Royal Artillery; 3, Flying Dragons.

Intermediate four-way sequential relative work – 1, (Team Commandant's Cup) Red Devils Red; 2, RE A; 3, REME.

Eight-way speed – Red Devils Black. Four-way canopy relative work – 1, (GQ Trophy) Golden Lions; 2, Flying Dragons; 3, Red Devils Black.

Best Parachute Regiment soldier – (Penley Trophy) WO2 Young; best RAF competitor – (RAF Cup) Sgt Thomas; best corps team – (RCT Cup) Silver Stars A; best team from the RA/RE – (RA/RE Cup) RA; best team outside Airborne Forces – (Queen's Cup) Golden Lions; best overall team accuracy (Open) – 1, JSPC (N) A; 2, The G Men.

# Major success for AGC Centre

A SOLID batting performance by the AGC Centre put them on course to win the Army Major Units cricket championship at Aldershot a year after the corps, in the form of its SPS branch, had won the minor trophy.

Although WO2 Willey's 29 was the Centre's highest innings, six other batsmen got into double figures.

Elevated to the senior competition this year, the AGC Centre scored 171-9 against 1 PWRR – another new name in the final – and bowled out the infantrymen for 126. Main wicket-takers for the Worthy Down outfit were Cpl Jackman and WO1 Wetherstone who took three each.

The Major and Minor Unit competitions were sponsored by Naafi Financial Services and the Chemring Group plc.

## Major Units

### AGC CENTRE

Maj P Renfrey run out	11
WO2 P Willey c R Cornhill b Reeve-Tucker	29
Cpl V Worsnop lbw Reeve-Tucker	18
Cpl J Jackman c Whistler b D Cornhill	26
SSgt J James c Wright b R Cornhill	27
Cpl I Marland lbw Reeve-Tucker	0
LCpl M Edwards c Wright b S Cornhill	0
Maj S Godfrey run out	18
WO1 D Wetherstone c Spears b S Cornhill	18
Sgt D Everett not out	1
Cpl C McDonald not out	4
Extras	19
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	171

**FOW:** 1-44; 2-48; 3-92; 4-110; 5-123; 6-123; 7-126; 8-156; 9-167.

**Bowling:** S Cornhill 8-1-44-2; D Cornhill 8-2-23-1; Wright 8-3-21-1; Reeve-Tucker 8-1-26-3; R Cornhill 8-1-45-1.

### 1 PWRR

WO2 Meade c Godfrey b Worsnop	4
WO2 D Wright lbw McDonald	0
LCpl R Cornhill c Jackman	19
Cpl D Cornhill c Edwards b Wetherstone	45
Sgt P Whistler b Wetherstone	1
Cpl S Cornhill b Wetherstone	9
Lt Col T Reeve-Tucker b James	16
Capt Wright c Edwards b Jackman	10
Pte Crane not out	13
Pte T Spears run out	6
Cpl A Hurst's Marland b Jackman	3
Extras	10
Total (37.3 overs)	136

**FOW:** 1-4; 2-9; 3-64; 4-74; 5-77; 6-86; 7-114;

8-118; 9-131.

**Bowling:** McDonald 8-1-19-1; Worsnop

7-2-21-1; James 7-1-21-1; Jackman

7-3-1-25-3; Wetherstone 8-1-43-3.

AGC Centre won by 35 runs.

ASMT ran out comfortable winners of the Minor Units championship after an initial



Sgt Andrew James (helmet) and Cpl Justin Jackman cross for another run during the AGC's innings scare by 9 Fd Wksp.

Set a moderate target of 138, ASMT slumped to 27-3 before Cpl Hosken (47 not out) and Cpl Shelcott (69 not out) got together to put on 117 in a match-winning fourth wicket partnership.

Cpl Hodgson and Cpl Graham made the early breakthrough for 9 Fd Wksp, but once they had bowled their eight-over allocations, Hosken and Shelcott got right on top.

## Minor Units

### ASMT

WO2 S Perkins b Fisher	33
Maj P Todd c Gigg b Tate	3
LBdr Rudd lbw Tate	2
Sgt Reilly ct Hosken b Fisher	9
WO2 I Dean c Gigg b Dove	2
WO1 D Lancaster run out	17
Cpl S Hodgson c and b Tate	38
Lt Col R Mole not out	10
Cpl Graham b Tate	8
WO2 A Card run out	0
SAC Kingston not out	1
Extras	16
Total (40 overs)	138

**FOW:** 1-9; 2-21; 3-42; 4-47; 5-61; 6-104;

7-125; 8-137; 9-137.

**Bowling:** Tate 8-2-23-4; Fenner 8-2-31-0;

Hosken 8-3-14-0; Fisher 8-1-32-2; Dove

8-0-30-1.

### 9 FD WKSP

Cpl C Dove b Hodgson	3
LCpl I Pickett c Perkins b Graham	1
Cpl M Tate c Dean b Hodgson	17
Cpl A Hosken not out	47
Cpl B Shelcott not out	69
Cfn R Fenner, SSgt S Fisher, Sgt A Gigg, Cfn N Marshall, SSgt D Healy, WO2 G Wilde did not bat	
Extras	7
Total (3 wkts, 28 overs)	144

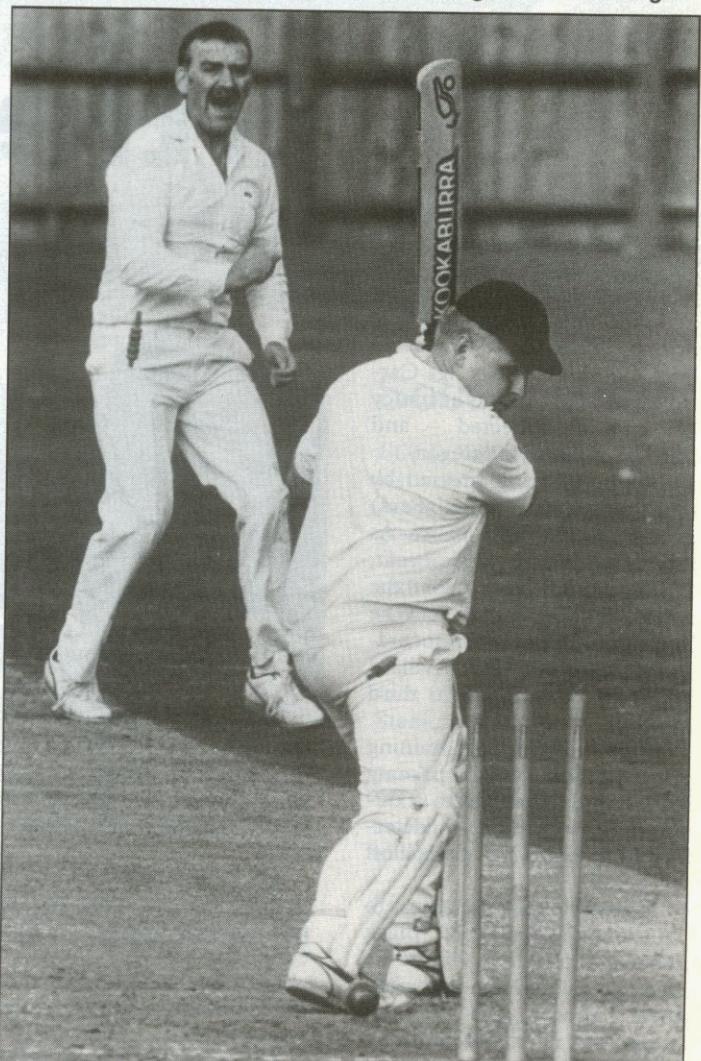
**FOW:** 1-4; 2-6; 3-27.

**Bowling:** Hodgson 8-0-34-2; Graham

8-3-24-1; Rudd 6-0-31-0; Lancaster 3-0-17-0;

Reilly 2-0-16-0; Todd 1-0-18-0.

9 Fd Wksp won by 7 wickets



Cpl Chris Dove (9 Fd Wksp) is bowled by Cpl Pete Hodgson (ASMT)

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